

Representative Bruce R. Cutler proposes the following substitute bill:

LOCAL SCHOOL ENTITY AMENDMENTS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Bruce R. Cutler

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions relating to the Minimum School Program Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies provisions relating to the Minimum School Program Act; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-1a-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 315

53A-2-214, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 371

53A-17a-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 287

53A-17a-105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 449

53A-17a-105.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 7

53A-17a-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 73



26 **53A-17a-107**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
27 **53A-17a-108**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapters 3 and 399
28 **53A-17a-109**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 106
29 **53A-17a-111**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 342
30 **53A-17a-111.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 221
31 **53A-17a-112**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 359 and 366
32 **53A-17a-113**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3
33 **53A-17a-119**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3
34 **53A-17a-120.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3
35 **53A-17a-124.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 299
36 **53A-17a-125**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3
37 **53A-17a-126**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 398
38 **53A-17a-127**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 366 and 371
39 **53A-17a-133**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 287
40 **53A-17a-134**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 178
41 **53A-17a-135**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapters 7, 287 and last
42 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 287
43 **53A-17a-136**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 371
44 **53A-17a-139**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1991, Chapter 72
45 **53A-17a-140**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1991, Chapter 72
46 **53A-17a-141**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1991, Chapter 72
47 **53A-17a-143**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 371
48 **53A-17a-144**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 342
49 **53A-17a-145**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 371
50 **53A-17a-146**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 371 and 381
51 **53A-17a-150**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 466
52 **53A-17a-151**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 371
53 **53A-17a-153**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3
54 **53A-17a-154**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3
55 **53A-17a-155**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3
56 **53A-17a-156**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 122

57 **53A-17a-157**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 122
58 **53A-17a-158**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 397
59 **53A-17a-159**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 397
60 **53A-17a-162**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 12
61 **53A-17a-164**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 178 and 313
62 **53A-17a-165**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 258
63 **53A-17a-166**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 359
64 **53A-17a-167**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 372
65 **53A-17a-170**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 381
66 **53A-17a-171**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 375
67 **53A-17a-172**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 472
68 **63J-1-220**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 407

69 REPEALS:

70 **53A-17a-116**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3
71 **53A-17a-124**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 346
72 **53A-17a-163**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 299

74 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

75 Section 1. Section **53A-1a-106** is amended to read:

76 **53A-1a-106. School district and individual school powers -- Student**
77 **education/occupation plan (SEOP) definition.**

78 (1) In order to acquire and develop the characteristics listed in Section **53A-1a-104**,
79 each school district and each public school within its respective district shall implement a
80 comprehensive system of accountability in which students advance through public schools by
81 demonstrating competency in required skills and mastery of required knowledge through the
82 use of diverse assessment instruments such as authentic and criterion referenced tests, projects,
83 and portfolios.

84 (2) (a) Each school district and public school shall:

- 85 (i) develop and implement programs integrating technology into the curriculum,
86 instruction, and student assessment;
87 (ii) provide for teacher and parent involvement in policymaking at the school site;

(iii) implement a public school choice program to give parents, students, and teachers greater flexibility in designing and choosing among programs with different focuses through schools within the same district and other districts, subject to space availability, demographics, and legal and performance criteria;

(iv) establish strategic planning at both the district and school level and site-based decision making programs at the school level;

(v) provide opportunities for each student to acquire and develop academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and abilities;

(vi) participate in ongoing research and development projects primarily at the school level aimed at improving the quality of education within the system; and

(vii) involve business and industry in the education process through the establishment of partnerships with the business community at the district and school level.

(b) (i) As used in this title, "student education/occupation plan" or "SEOP" means a plan developed by a student and the student's parent or guardian, in consultation with school counselors, teachers, and administrators that:

(A) is initiated at the beginning of grade 7;

(B) identifies a student's skills and objectives;

(C) maps out a strategy to guide a student's course selection; and

(D) links a student to post-secondary options, including higher education and careers.

(ii) Each local school board, in consultation with school personnel, parents, and school community councils or similar entities shall establish policies to provide for the effective implementation of a personalized student education plan (SEP) or student education/occupation plan (SEOP) for each student at the school site.

(iii) The policies shall include guidelines and expectations for:

(A) recognizing the student's accomplishments, strengths, and progress towards meeting student achievement standards as defined in U-PASS;

(B) planning, monitoring, and managing education and career development; and

(C) involving students, parents, and school personnel in preparing and implementing SEPs and SEOPs.

(iv) A parent may request conferences with school personnel in addition to SEP or SEOP conferences established by local school board policy.

(v) Time spent during the school day to implement SEPs and SEOPs is considered part of the school term referred to in Subsection ~~53A-17a-103~~(4)(7).

(3) A school district or public school may submit proposals to modify or waive rules or policies of a supervisory authority within the public education system in order to acquire or develop the characteristics listed in Section ~~53A-1a-104~~.

(4) (a) Each school district and public school shall make an annual report to its patrons on its activities under this section.

(b) The reporting process shall involve participation from teachers, parents, and the community at large in determining how well the district or school is performing.

Section 2. Section ~~53A-2-214~~ is amended to read:

~~53A-2-214~~. Online students' participation in extracurricular activities.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Online education" means the use of information and communication technologies to deliver educational opportunities to a student in a location other than a school.

(b) "Online student" means a student who:

(i) participates in an online education program sponsored or supported by the State Board of Education, a school district, or charter school; and

(ii) generates funding for the school district or school pursuant to Subsection ~~53A-17a-103~~(4)(7) and rules of the State Board of Education.

(2) An online student is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at:

(a) the school within whose attendance boundaries the student's custodial parent or legal guardian resides; or

(b) the public school from which the student withdrew for the purpose of participating in an online education program.

(3) A school other than a school described in Subsection (2)(a) or (b) may allow an online student to participate in extracurricular activities other than:

(a) interschool competitions of athletic teams sponsored and supported by a public school; or

(b) interschool contests or competitions for music, drama, or forensic groups or teams sponsored and supported by a public school.

(4) An online student is eligible for extracurricular activities at a public school

consistent with eligibility standards as applied to full-time students of the public school.

(5) A school district or public school may not impose additional requirements on an online school student to participate in extracurricular activities that are not imposed on full-time students of the public school.

(6) (a) The State Board of Education shall make rules establishing fees for an online school student's participation in extracurricular activities at school district schools.

(b) The rules shall provide that:

(i) online school students pay the same fees as other students to participate in extracurricular activities;

(ii) online school students are eligible for fee waivers pursuant to Section 53A-12-103;

(iii) for each online school student who participates in an extracurricular activity at a school district school, the online school shall pay a share of the school district's costs for the extracurricular activity; and

(iv) an online school's share of the costs of an extracurricular activity shall reflect state and local tax revenues expended, except capital facilities expenditures, for an extracurricular activity in a school district or school divided by total student enrollment of the school district or school.

(c) In determining an online school's share of the costs of an extracurricular activity under Subsections (6)(b)(iii) and (iv), the State Board of Education may establish uniform fees statewide based on average costs statewide or average costs within a sample of school districts.

(7) When selection to participate in an extracurricular activity at a public school is made on a competitive basis, an online student is eligible to try out for and participate in the activity as provided in this section.

Section 3. Section 53A-17a-103 is amended to read:

53A-17a-103. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Basic state-supported school program" or "basic program" means public education programs for kindergarten, elementary, and secondary school students that are operated and maintained for the amount derived by multiplying the number of weighted pupil units for each school district or charter school by the value established each year in statute, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(2) (a) "Certified revenue levy" means a property tax levy that provides an amount of ad valorem property tax revenue equal to the sum of:

(i) the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue to be generated statewide in the previous year from imposing a minimum basic tax rate, as specified in Section 53A-17a-135; and

(ii) the product of:

(A) new growth, as defined in:

(I) Section 59-2-924; and

(II) rules of the State Tax Commission; and

(B) the minimum basic tax rate certified by the State Tax Commission for the previous year.

(b) For purposes of this Subsection (2), "ad valorem property tax revenue" does not include property tax revenue received statewide from personal property that is:

(i) assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 3, County Assessment; and

(ii) semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

(c) For purposes of calculating the certified revenue levy described in this Subsection (2), the State Tax Commission shall use:

(i) the taxable value of real property assessed by a county assessor contained on the assessment roll;

(ii) the taxable value of real and personal property assessed by the State Tax Commission; and

(iii) the taxable year end value of personal property assessed by a county assessor contained on the prior year's assessment roll.

(3) "Charter school governing board" means the board that operates a charter school.

(4) "Local education board" means a local school board or charter school governing board.

(5) "Local school board" means a board elected under Title 20A, Chapter 14, Part 2, Election of Members of Local Boards of Education.

~~[(3)]~~ (6) "Pupil in average daily membership (ADM)" means a full-day equivalent pupil.

212 [(4)] (7) (a) "State-supported minimum school program" or "Minimum School
213 Program" means public school programs for kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools
214 as described in this Subsection [(4)] (7).

215 (b) The minimum school program established in school districts and charter schools
216 shall include the equivalent of a school term of nine months as determined by the State Board
217 of Education.

218 (c) (i) The board shall establish the number of days or equivalent instructional hours
219 that school is held for an academic school year.

220 (ii) Education, enhanced by utilization of technologically enriched delivery systems,
221 when approved by ~~[local school boards or charter school governing boards]~~ a local education
222 board, shall receive full support by the State Board of Education as it pertains to fulfilling the
223 attendance requirements, excluding time spent viewing commercial advertising.

224 (d) (i) A local ~~[school board or charter school governing]~~ education board may
225 reallocate up to 32 instructional hours or 4 school days established under Subsection [(4)]
226 (7)(c) for teacher preparation time or teacher professional development.

227 (ii) A reallocation of instructional hours or school days under Subsection [(4)] (7)(d)(i)
228 is subject to the approval of two-thirds of the members of a local ~~[school board or charter~~
229 ~~school governing]~~ education board voting in a regularly scheduled meeting:

230 (A) at which a quorum of the local ~~[school board or charter school governing]~~
231 education board is present; and

232 (B) held in compliance with Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

233 (iii) If a local ~~[school board or charter school governing]~~ education board reallocates
234 instructional hours or school days as provided by this Subsection [(4)] (7)(d), the school district
235 or charter school shall notify students' parents and guardians of the school calendar at least 90
236 days before the beginning of the school year.

237 (iv) Instructional hours or school days reallocated for teacher preparation time or
238 teacher professional development pursuant to this Subsection [(4)] (7)(d) is considered part of a
239 school term referred to in Subsection [(4)] (7)(b).

240 (e) The Minimum School Program includes a program or allocation funded by a line
241 item appropriation or other appropriation designated as follows:

242 (i) Basic School Program;

- (ii) Related to Basic Programs;
- (iii) Voted and Board Levy Programs; or
- (iv) Minimum School Program.

~~[(5)]~~ (8) "Weighted pupil unit" or "units" or "WPU" or "WPU" means the unit of measure of factors that is computed in accordance with this chapter for the purpose of determining the costs of a program on a uniform basis for each school district.

Section 4. Section **53A-17a-105** is amended to read:

53A-17a-105. Powers and duties of State Board of Education to adjust Minimum School Program allocations -- Use of remaining funds at the end of a fiscal year.

(1) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

(b) "ESEA" means the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.

~~[(c) "LEA" means:]~~

~~[(i) a school district; or]~~

~~[(ii) a charter school.]~~

~~[(d)]~~ (c) "Program" means a program or allocation funded by a line item appropriation or other appropriation designated as:

- (i) Basic Program;
- (ii) Related to Basic Programs;
- (iii) Voted and Board Levy Programs; or
- (iv) Minimum School Program.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3) or (5), if the number of weighted pupil units in a program is underestimated, the board shall reduce the value of the weighted pupil unit in that program so that the total amount paid for the program does not exceed the amount appropriated for the program.

(3) If the number of weighted pupil units in a program is overestimated, the board shall spend excess money appropriated for the following purposes giving priority to the purpose described in Subsection (3)(a):

(a) to support the value of the weighted pupil unit in a program within the basic state-supported school program in which the number of weighted pupil units is underestimated;

(b) to support the state guarantee per weighted pupil unit provided under the voted local levy program established in Section 53A-17a-133 or the board local levy program established in Section 53A-17a-164, if:

(i) local contributions to the voted local levy program or board local levy program are overestimated; or

(ii) the number of weighted pupil units within school districts qualifying for a guarantee is underestimated;

(c) to support the state supplement to local property taxes allocated to charter schools, if the state supplement is less than the amount prescribed by Subsection 53A-1a-513(4); or

(d) to support a school district with a loss in student enrollment as provided in Section 53A-17a-139.

(4) If local contributions from the minimum basic tax rate imposed under Section 53A-17a-135 are overestimated, the board shall reduce the value of the weighted pupil unit for all programs within the basic state-supported school program so the total state contribution to the basic state-supported school program does not exceed the amount of state funds appropriated.

(5) If local contributions from the minimum basic tax rate imposed under Section 53A-17a-135 are underestimated, the board shall:

(a) spend the excess local contributions for the purposes specified in Subsection (3), giving priority to supporting the value of the weighted pupil unit in programs within the basic state-supported school program in which the number of weighted pupil units is underestimated; and

(b) reduce the state contribution to the basic state-supported school program so the total cost of the basic state-supported school program does not exceed the total state and local funds appropriated to the basic state-supported school program plus the local contributions necessary to support the value of the weighted pupil unit in programs within the basic state-supported school program in which the number of weighted pupil units is underestimated.

(6) Except as provided in Subsection (3) or (5), the board shall reduce the guarantee per weighted pupil unit provided under the voted local levy program established in Section 53A-17a-133 or board local levy program established in Section 53A-17a-164, if:

(a) local contributions to the voted local levy program or board local levy program are

overestimated; or

(b) the number of weighted pupil units within school districts qualifying for a guarantee is underestimated.

(7) (a) The board may use program funds as described in Subsection (7)(b) if:

(i) the state loses flexibility due to the U.S. Department of Education's rejection of the state's renewal application for flexibility under the ESEA; and

(ii) the state is required to fully implement the requirements of Title I of the ESEA, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

(b) Subject to the requirements of Subsections (7)(a) and (c), for fiscal year 2016, after any transfers or adjustments described in Subsections (2) through (6) are made, the board may use up to \$15,000,000 of excess money appropriated to a program, remaining at the end of fiscal year 2015, to mitigate a budgetary impact to ~~[an LEA]~~ a school district or charter school due to the ~~[LEA's]~~ school district or charter school's loss of flexibility related to implementing the requirements of Title I of the ESEA, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

(c) In addition to the reporting requirement described in Subsection (9), the board shall report actions taken by the board under this Subsection (7) to the Executive Appropriations Committee.

(8) Money appropriated to the board is nonlapsing.

(9) The board shall report actions taken by the board under this section to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

Section 5. Section **53A-17a-105.5** is amended to read:

53A-17a-105.5. Flexibility in the use of program funds.

(1) As used in this section, "qualifying program" means:

(a) the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program created in Section [53A-17a-166](#);

(b) the Enhancement for Accelerated Students Program created in Section [53A-17a-165](#); and

(c) the concurrent enrollment program created in Section [53A-15-101](#).

(2) If a ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board receives an allocation of state funds for a qualifying program that is less than \$10,000, ~~[the school district or charter school]~~ a local education board may:

(a) (i) combine the funds with one or more qualifying program fund allocations each of

which is less than \$10,000; and

(ii) use the combined funds in accordance with the program requirements for any of the qualifying programs that are combined; or

(b) (i) transfer the funds to a qualifying program for which the ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board received an allocation of funds that is greater than or equal to \$10,000; and

(ii) use the combined funds in accordance with the program requirements for the qualifying program to which the funds are transferred.

Section 6. Section **53A-17a-106** is amended to read:

53A-17a-106. Determination of weighted pupil units.

The number of weighted pupil units in the minimum school program for each year is the total of the units for each school district determined as follows:

(1) The number of units is computed by adding the average daily membership of all pupils of the district attending schools, other than kindergarten and self-contained classes for children with a disability.

(2) The number of units is computed by adding the average daily membership of all pupils of the school district enrolled in kindergarten and multiplying the total by .55.

(a) In those school districts that do not ~~[elect to]~~ hold kindergarten for a full nine-month term, the local school board may approve a shorter term of nine weeks' duration.

(b) Upon local school board approval, the number of pupils in average daily membership at the short-term kindergarten shall be counted for the purpose of determining the number of units allowed in the same ratio as the number of days the short-term kindergarten is held, not exceeding nine weeks, compared to the total number of days schools are held in that school district in the regular school year.

(3) (a) The State Board of Education shall use prior year plus growth to determine average daily membership in distributing money under the minimum school program where the distribution is based on kindergarten through grade 12 ADMs or weighted pupil units.

(b) Under prior year plus growth, kindergarten through grade 12 average daily membership for the current year is based on the actual kindergarten through grade 12 average daily membership for the previous year plus an estimated percentage growth factor.

(c) The growth factor is the percentage increase in total average daily membership on

the first school day of October in the current year as compared to the total average daily membership on the first school day of October of the previous year.

Section 7. Section **53A-17a-107** is amended to read:

53A-17a-107. Professional staff weighted pupil units.

(1) Professional staff weighted pupil units are computed and distributed in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) Professional Staff Cost Formula

Years of Experience	Bachelor's Degree	Bachelor's +30 Qt. Hr.	Master's Degree	Master's Degree +45 Qt. Hr.	Doctorate
1	1.00	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.20
2	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.25
3	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.25	1.30
4	1.15	1.20	1.25	1.30	1.35
5	1.20	1.25	1.30	1.35	1.40
6	1.25	1.30	1.35	1.40	1.45
7	1.30	1.35	1.40	1.45	1.50
8	1.35	1.40	1.45	1.50	1.55
9			1.50	1.55	1.60
10				1.60	1.65
11					1.70

(b) Multiply the number of full-time or equivalent professional personnel in each applicable experience category in Subsection (1)(a) by the applicable weighting factor.

(c) Divide the total of Subsection (1)(b) by the number of professional personnel included in Subsection (1)(b) and reduce the quotient by 1.00.

(d) Multiply the result of Subsection (1)(c) by 1/4 of the weighted pupil units computed in accordance with Sections **53A-17a-106** and **53A-17a-109**.

(2) The State Board of Education shall enact rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, which require a certain percentage of a school district's professional staff to be certified in the area in which ~~[they teach]~~ the staff

teaches in order for the school district to receive full funding under the schedule.

(3) If an individual's teaching experience is a factor in negotiating a contract of employment to teach in the state's public schools, then the local school board is encouraged to accept as credited experience all of the years the individual has taught in the state's public schools.

Section 8. Section **53A-17a-108** is amended to read:

53A-17a-108. Weighted pupil units for small school district administrative costs -- Appropriation for charter school administrative costs.

(1) Administrative costs weighted pupil units are computed [~~and distributed to small school districts~~] for a small school district and distributed to the small school district's local school board in accordance with the following schedule:

Administrative Costs Schedule

School District Enrollment as of October 1	Weighted Pupil Units
1 - 500 students	95
501 - 1,000 students	80
1,001 - 2,000 students	70
2,001 - 5,000 students	60

(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), money appropriated to the State Board of Education for charter school administrative costs shall be distributed to charter [~~schools~~] school governing boards in the amount of \$100 for each charter school student in enrollment.

(b) (i) If money appropriated for charter school administrative costs is insufficient to provide the amount per student prescribed in Subsection (2)(a), the appropriation shall be allocated among charter [~~schools~~] school governing boards in proportion to each charter school's enrollment as a percentage of the total enrollment in charter schools.

(ii) If the State Board of Education makes adjustments to Minimum School Program allocations under Section **53A-17a-105**, the allocation provided in Subsection (2)(b)(i) shall be determined after adjustments are made under Section **53A-17a-105**.

(c) Charter [~~schools~~] school governing boards are encouraged to identify and use cost-effective methods of performing administrative functions, including contracting for administrative services with the State Charter School Board as provided in Section

53A-1a-501.6.

(3) Charter ~~[schools]~~ school governing boards are not eligible for funds for administrative costs under Subsection (1).

Section 9. Section **53A-17a-109** is amended to read:

53A-17a-109. Necessarily existent small schools -- Computing additional weighted pupil units -- Consolidation of small schools.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

(b) "Necessarily existent small schools funding balance" means the difference between:

(i) the amount appropriated for the necessarily existent small schools program in a fiscal year; and

(ii) the amount distributed to ~~[school-districts]~~ local school boards for the necessarily existent small schools program in the same fiscal year.

(2) (a) Upon application by a ~~[school-district]~~ local school board, the board shall, in consultation with the local school board, classify schools in the school district as necessarily existent small schools, in accordance with this section and board rules adopted under this section.

(b) An application must be submitted to the board before April 2, and the board must report a decision to a ~~[school-district]~~ local school board before June 2.

(3) The board shall adopt standards and make rules to:

(a) govern the approval of necessarily existent small schools consistent with principles of efficiency and economy and which shall serve the purpose of eliminating schools where consolidation is feasible by participation in special school units; and

(b) ensure that ~~[districts]~~ local school boards are not building secondary schools in close proximity to one another where economy and efficiency would be better served by one school meeting the needs of secondary students in a designated geographical area.

(4) A one or two-year secondary school that has received necessarily existent small school money under this section prior to July 1, 2000, may continue to receive such money in subsequent years under board rule.

(5) The board shall prepare and publish objective standards and guidelines for determining which small schools are necessarily existent after consultation with local school

boards.

(6) (a) Additional weighted pupil units for schools classified as necessarily existent small schools shall be computed using regression formulas adopted by the board.

(b) The regression formulas establish the following maximum sizes for funding under the necessarily existent small school program:

(i) an elementary school 160

(ii) a one or two-year secondary school 300

(iii) a three-year secondary school 450

(iv) a four-year secondary school 500

(v) a six-year secondary school 600

(c) Schools with fewer than 10 students shall receive the same add-on weighted pupil units as schools with 10 students.

(d) The board shall prepare and distribute an allocation table based on the regression formula to each school district.

(7) (a) To avoid penalizing a school district financially for consolidating ~~[its]~~ the school district's small schools, additional weighted pupil units may be allowed a school district each year, not to exceed two years.

(b) The additional weighted pupil units may not exceed the difference between what ~~[the district]~~ a local school board receives for a consolidated school and what ~~[it]~~ the local school board would have received for the small schools had ~~[they]~~ the small schools not been consolidated.

(8) (a) Subject to Subsection (8)(b), the board may distribute a portion of necessarily existent small schools funding in accordance with a formula adopted by the board that considers the tax effort of a local school board.

(b) The amount distributed in accordance with Subsection (8)(a) may not exceed the necessarily existent small schools fund in balance of the prior fiscal year.

(9) A ~~[district]~~ local school board may use the money allocated under this section for maintenance and operation of school programs or for other school purposes as approved by the board.

Section 10. Section **53A-17a-111** is amended to read:

53A-17a-111. Weighted pupil units for programs for students with disabilities --

Local school board allocation.

(1) The number of weighted pupil units for students with disabilities shall reflect the direct cost of programs for those students conducted in accordance with rules established by the State Board of Education in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(2) Disability program money allocated to ~~[districts]~~ local school boards is restricted and shall be spent for the education of students with disabilities but may include expenditures for approved programs of services conducted for certified instructional personnel who have students with disabilities in their classes.

(3) The State Board of Education shall establish and strictly interpret definitions and provide standards for determining which students have disabilities and shall assist ~~[districts]~~ local school boards in determining the services that should be provided to students with disabilities.

(4) Each year the board shall evaluate the standards and guidelines that establish the identifying criteria for disability classifications to assure strict compliance with those standards by the school districts.

(5) (a) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for add-on WPU for students with disabilities enrolled in regular programs shall be allocated to ~~[school districts]~~ local school boards as provided in this Subsection (5).

(b) Beginning on July 1, 2003, the State Board of Education shall:

(i) use a school district's average number of special education add-on weighted pupil units determined by the previous five year's average daily membership data as a foundation for the special education add-on appropriation; and

(ii) implement a hold harmless provision for up to three years as needed to accomplish a phase-in period for ~~[school districts]~~ local school boards to accommodate the change in the special education add-on WPU foundation formula.

(c) A school district's special education add-on WPU for the current year may not be less than the foundation special education add-on WPU.

(d) Growth WPU shall be added to the prior year special education add-on WPU, and growth WPU shall be determined as follows:

(i) The special education student growth factor is calculated by comparing S-3 total

special education ADM of two years previous to the current year to the S-3 total special education ADM three years previous to the current year, not to exceed the official October total school district growth factor from the prior year.

(ii) When calculating and applying the growth factor, a school district's S-3 total special education ADM for a given year is limited to 12.18% of the school district's S-3 total student ADM for the same year.

(iii) Growth ADMs are calculated by applying the growth factor to the S-3 total special education ADM of two years previous to the current year.

(iv) Growth ADMs for each school district are multiplied by 1.53 weighted pupil units and added to the prior year special education add-on WPU to determine each ~~[district's]~~ local school board's total allocation.

(6) If money appropriated under this chapter for programs for students with disabilities does not meet the costs of ~~[districts]~~ local school boards for those programs, each ~~[district]~~ local school board shall first receive the amount generated for each student with a disability under the basic program.

Section 11. Section **53A-17a-111.5** is amended to read:

53A-17a-111.5. School districts to provide class space for deaf and blind programs.

(1) ~~[School districts]~~ A local school board of a school district with students who reside within ~~[their]~~ the school district's boundaries and are served by the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind shall:

(a) furnish the schools with space required for their programs; or

(b) help pay for the cost of leasing classroom space in other school districts.

(2) A ~~[district's]~~ school district's participation in the program under Subsection (1) is based upon the number of students who are served by the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and who reside within the school district as compared to the state total of students who are served by the schools.

Section 12. Section **53A-17a-112** is amended to read:

53A-17a-112. Preschool special education appropriation -- Extended year program appropriation -- Appropriation for special education programs in state institutions -- Appropriations for stipends for special educators.

(1) (a) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for the preschool special education program shall be allocated to ~~[school districts]~~ local education boards to provide a free, appropriate public education to preschool students with a disability, ages three through five.

(b) The money shall be distributed on the basis of the school district's count of preschool children with a disability for December 1 of the previous year, as mandated by federal law.

(2) Money appropriated for the extended school year program for children with a severe disability shall be limited to students with severe disabilities with education program goals identifying significant regression and recoupment disability as approved by the State Board of Education.

(3) (a) Money appropriated for self-contained regular special education programs may not be used to supplement other school programs.

(b) Money in any of the other restricted line item appropriations may not be reduced more than 2% to be used for purposes other than those specified by the appropriation, unless otherwise provided by law.

(4) (a) The State Board of Education shall compute preschool funding by a factor of 1.47 times the current December 1 child count of eligible preschool aged three, four, and five-year-olds times the WPU value, limited to 8% growth over the prior year December 1 count.

(b) The ~~[board]~~ State Board of Education shall develop guidelines to implement the funding formula for preschool special education, and establish prevalence limits for distribution of the money.

(5) Of the money appropriated for Special Education - State Programming, the State Board of Education shall distribute the revenue generated from 909 WPUs to ~~[school districts, charter schools,]~~ local education boards and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind for stipends to special educators for additional days of work pursuant to the requirements of Section [53A-17a-158](#).

Section 13. Section **53A-17a-113** is amended to read:

53A-17a-113. Weighted pupil units for career and technical education programs -- Funding of approved programs -- Performance measures -- Qualifying criteria.

(1) (a) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for approved career and technical education programs and the comprehensive guidance program:

(i) shall be allocated to eligible recipients as provided in Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5); and

(ii) may not be used to fund programs below the ninth grade level.

(b) Subsection (1)(a)(ii) does not apply to the following programs:

(i) comprehensive guidance;

(ii) Technology-Life-Careers; and

(iii) work-based learning programs.

(2) (a) Weighted pupil units are computed for pupils in approved programs.

(b) (i) The ~~[board]~~ State Board of Education shall fund approved programs based upon hours of membership of ~~[9th]~~ grade 9 through ~~[12th grade]~~ 12 students.

(ii) Subsection (2)(b)(i) does not apply to the following programs:

(A) comprehensive guidance;

(B) Technology-Life-Careers; and

(C) work-based learning programs.

(c) The ~~[board]~~ State Board of Education shall use an amount not to exceed 20% of the total appropriation under this section to fund approved programs based on performance measures such as placement and competency attainment defined in standards set by the ~~[board]~~ State Board of Education.

(d) Leadership organization funds shall constitute an amount not to exceed 1% of the total appropriation under this section, and shall be distributed to each local educational agency sponsoring career and technical education student leadership organizations based on the agency's share of the state's total membership in those organizations.

(e) The board shall make the necessary calculations for distribution of the appropriation to ~~[school districts]~~ local school boards and may revise and recommend changes necessary for achieving equity and ease of administration.

(3) (a) Twenty weighted pupil units shall be computed for career and technical education administrative costs for each school district, except 25 weighted pupil units may be computed for each school district that consolidates career and technical education administrative services with one or more other school districts.

(b) Between 10 and 25 weighted pupil units shall be computed for each high school conducting approved career and technical education programs in a school district according to standards established by the ~~[board]~~ State Board of Education.

(c) Forty weighted pupil units shall be computed for each school district that operates an approved career and technical education center.

(d) Between five and seven weighted pupil units shall be computed for each summer career and technical education agriculture program according to standards established by the ~~[board]~~ State Board of Education.

(e) The ~~[board]~~ State Board of Education shall, by rule, establish qualifying criteria for school districts to receive weighted pupil units under this Subsection (3).

(4) (a) Money remaining after the allocations made under Subsections (2) and (3) shall be allocated using average daily membership in approved programs for the previous year.

(b) A school district that has experienced student growth in grades 9 through 12 for the previous year shall have the growth factor applied to the previous year's weighted pupil units when calculating the allocation of money under this Subsection (4).

(5) Of the money allocated to comprehensive guidance programs pursuant to ~~[board rules]~~ State Board of Education rule, \$1,000,000 in grants shall be awarded to ~~[school districts or charter schools]~~ local education boards that:

(a) provide an equal amount of matching funds; and

(b) do not supplant other funds used for comprehensive guidance programs.

(6) (a) The ~~[board]~~ State Board of Education shall establish rules for the upgrading of high school career and technical education programs.

(b) The rules shall reflect career and technical training and actual marketable job skills in society.

(c) The rules shall include procedures to assist school districts to convert existing programs which are not preparing students for the job market into programs that will accomplish that purpose.

(7) Programs that do not meet board standards may not be funded under this section.

Section 14. Section **53A-17a-119** is amended to read:

53A-17a-119. Appropriation for adult education programs.

(1) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for adult education shall be

allocated to local school boards for adult high school completion and adult basic skills programs.

(2) Each ~~[district]~~ local school board shall receive ~~[its]~~ a pro rata share of the appropriation for adult high school completion programs based on the number of people in the school district listed in the latest official census who are over 18 years of age and who do not have a high school diploma and prior year participation or as approved by ~~[board]~~ State Board of Education rule.

(3) On February 1 of each school year, the State Board of Education shall recapture money not used for an adult high school completion program for reallocation to ~~[districts]~~ local school boards that have implemented programs based on need and effort as determined by the ~~[board]~~ State Board of Education.

(4) To the extent of money available, school districts shall provide ~~[programs]~~ program services to adults who do not have a diploma and who intend to graduate from high school, with particular emphasis on homeless individuals who are seeking literacy and life skills.

(5) Overruns in adult education in any school district may not reduce the value of the weighted pupil unit for this program in another school district.

(6) ~~[School districts]~~ A local school board shall spend money on adult basic skills programs according to standards established by the ~~[board]~~ State Board of Education.

Section 15. Section **53A-17a-120.5** is amended to read:

53A-17a-120.5. Appropriation for concurrent enrollment.

(1) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for concurrent enrollment shall be allocated as follows:

(a) the money shall first be allocated proportionally, based upon student credit hour delivered, between courses that are:

(i) taught by public school educators; and

(ii) taught by college or university faculty;

(b) from the money allocated under Subsection (1)(a)(i):

(i) 60% of the money shall be allocated to ~~[local school boards and charter schools]~~ local education boards; and

(ii) 40% of the money shall be allocated to the State Board of Regents; and

(c) from the money allocated under Subsection (1)(a)(ii):

(i) 40% of the money shall be allocated to ~~[local school boards and charter schools]~~
local education boards; and

(ii) 60% of the money shall be allocated to the State Board of Regents.

(2) The State Board of Education shall make rules providing that a school participating in the concurrent enrollment programs offered under Section **53A-15-101** shall receive, from the school's local education board, an allocation from the money described in Subsection (1) as provided in Section **53A-15-101**.

(3) The State Board of Regents shall make rules providing that an institution of higher education participating in the concurrent enrollment programs offered under Section **53A-15-101** shall receive an allocation from the money described in Subsection (1) as provided in the rules.

(4) Subject to budget constraints, the Legislature shall annually increase the money appropriated to the State Board of Education for concurrent enrollment based on:

(a) enrollment growth in concurrent enrollment from additional students enrolled, courses offered, and credit hours taken; and

(b) the percentage increase in the value of the weighted pupil unit.

(5) (a) The State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents shall annually report to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee:

(i) an accounting of the money appropriated for concurrent enrollment; and

(ii) a justification of the split described in Subsections (1)(a) and (b).

(b) The State Board of Regents shall annually report to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee on concurrent enrollment participation and growth, including data on what higher education tuition would have been charged for the hours of concurrent enrollment credit granted.

(6) In order to qualify for funds under this section, a concurrent enrollment program shall comply with the requirements described in Section **53A-15-101**, including rules adopted in accordance with Subsection **53A-15-101**(3).

Section 16. Section **53A-17a-124.5** is amended to read:

53A-17a-124.5. Appropriation for class size reduction.

(1) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for class size reduction shall be used to reduce the average class size in kindergarten through the eighth grade in the state's

704 public schools.

705 (2) Each ~~[district or charter school]~~ local education board shall receive ~~[its]~~ an
706 allocation based upon the school district or charter school's prior year average daily
707 membership in kindergarten through grade 8 plus growth as determined under Subsection
708 53A-17a-106(3) as compared to the total prior year average daily membership in kindergarten
709 through grade 8 plus growth of school districts and charter schools that qualify for an allocation
710 pursuant to Subsection (8).

711 (3) (a) A ~~[district]~~ local school board may use ~~[its]~~ an allocation to reduce class size in
712 any one or all of the grades referred to under this section, except as otherwise provided in
713 Subsection (3)(b).

714 (b) (i) Each ~~[district or charter school]~~ local education board shall use 50% of ~~[its]~~ an
715 allocation to reduce class size in any one or all of grades kindergarten through grade 2, with an
716 emphasis on improving student reading skills.

717 (ii) If a school district's or charter school's average class size is below 18 in grades
718 kindergarten through grade 2, ~~[it]~~ a local education board may petition the state board for, and
719 the state board may grant, a waiver to use ~~[its]~~ an allocation under Subsection (3)(b)(i) for class
720 size reduction in the other grades.

721 (4) Schools may use nontraditional innovative and creative methods to reduce class
722 sizes with this appropriation and may use part of ~~[their]~~ an allocation to focus on class size
723 reduction for specific groups, such as at risk students, or for specific blocks of time during the
724 school day.

725 (5) (a) A ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board may use up to 20% of
726 ~~[its]~~ an allocation under Subsection (1) for capital facilities projects if such projects would help
727 to reduce class size.

728 (b) If a school district's or charter school's student population increases by 5% or 700
729 students from the previous school year, the ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education
730 board may use up to 50% of any allocation ~~[it receives]~~ received under this section for
731 classroom construction.

732 (6) This appropriation is to supplement any other appropriation made for class size
733 reduction.

734 (7) The Legislature shall provide for an annual adjustment in the appropriation

authorized under this section in proportion to the increase in the number of students in the state in kindergarten through grade eight.

(8) (a) To qualify for class size reduction money, a ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board shall submit:

(i) a plan for the use of the ~~[school district's or charter school's]~~ allocation of class size reduction money to the State Board of Education; and

(ii) beginning with the 2014-15 school year, a report on the ~~[school district's or charter school's]~~ local education board's use of class size reduction money in the prior school year.

(b) The plan and report required pursuant to Subsection (8)(a) shall include the following information:

(i) (A) the number of teachers employed using class size reduction money;

(B) the amount of class size reduction money expended for teachers; and

(C) if supplemental ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board funds are expended to pay for teachers employed using class size reduction money, the amount of the supplemental money;

(ii) (A) the number of paraprofessionals employed using class size reduction money;

(B) the amount of class size reduction money expended for paraprofessionals; and

(C) if supplemental ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board funds are expended to pay for paraprofessionals employed using class size reduction money, the amount of the supplemental money; and

(iii) the amount of class size reduction money expended for capital facilities.

(c) In addition to submitting a plan and report on the use of class size reduction money, a ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board shall annually submit a report to the State Board of Education that includes the following information:

(i) the number of teachers employed using K-3 Reading Improvement Program money received pursuant to Sections [53A-17a-150](#) and [53A-17a-151](#);

(ii) the amount of K-3 Reading Improvement Program money expended for teachers;

(iii) the number of teachers employed in kindergarten through grade 8 using Title I money;

(iv) the amount of Title I money expended for teachers in kindergarten through grade 8; and

(v) a comparison of actual average class size by grade in grades kindergarten through 8 in the school district or charter school with what the average class size would be without the expenditure of class size reduction, K-3 Reading Improvement Program, and Title I money.

(d) The information required to be reported in Subsections (8)(b)(i)(A) through (C), (8)(b)(ii)(A) through (C), and (8)(c) shall be categorized by a teacher's or paraprofessional's teaching assignment, such as the grade level, course, or subject taught.

(e) The State Board of Education may make rules specifying procedures and standards for the submission of:

(i) a plan and a report on the use of class size reduction money as required by this section; and

(ii) a report required under Subsection (8)(c).

(f) Based on the data contained in the class size reduction plans and reports submitted by ~~[school districts and charter schools]~~ local education boards, and data on average class size, the State Board of Education shall annually report to the Education Interim Committee on the impact of class size reduction, K-3 Reading Improvement Program, and Title I money on class size.

Section 17. Section **53A-17a-125** is amended to read:

53A-17a-125. Appropriation for retirement and social security.

(1) The employee's retirement contribution shall be 1% for employees who are under the state's contributory retirement program.

(2) The employer's contribution under the state's contributory retirement program is determined under Section **49-12-301**, subject to the 1% contribution under Subsection (1).

(3) (a) The employer-employee contribution rate for employees who are under the state's noncontributory retirement program is determined under Section **49-13-301**.

(b) The same contribution rate used under Subsection (3)(a) shall be used to calculate the appropriation for charter ~~[schools]~~ school governing boards described under Subsection (5).

~~[(4) (a) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for retirement and social security money shall be allocated to school districts and charter schools based on a district's or charter school's total weighted pupil units compared to the total weighted pupil units for all districts in the state.]~~

~~[(b) Subject to budget constraints, money needed to support retirement and social~~

security shall be determined by taking the district's prior year allocation and adjusting it for:]

[~~(i) student growth;~~]

[~~(ii) the percentage increase in the value of the weighted pupil unit; and~~]

[~~(iii) the effect of any change in the rates for retirement, social security, or both.~~]

[~~(5) A charter school that has made an election of nonparticipation in the Utah State Retirement Systems in accordance with Section 53A-1a-512 and Title 49, Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act, shall use the funds described under this section for retirement to provide its own compensation, benefit, and retirement programs.~~]

Section 18. Section **53A-17a-126** is amended to read:

53A-17a-126. State support of pupil transportation.

(1) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for state-supported transportation of public school students shall be apportioned and distributed in accordance with Section **53A-17a-127**, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(2) (a) The Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind shall use [~~its~~] an allocation of pupil transportation money to pay for transportation of [~~their~~] students based on current valid contractual arrangements and best transportation options and methods as determined by the schools.

(b) All student transportation costs of the schools shall be paid from the allocation of pupil transportation money specified in statute.

(3) (a) A [~~school district~~] local school board may only claim eligible transportation costs as legally reported on the prior year's annual financial report submitted under Section **53A-3-404**.

(b) The state shall contribute 85% of approved transportation costs, subject to budget constraints.

(c) If in a fiscal year the total transportation allowance for all school districts exceeds the amount appropriated for that purpose, all allowances shall be reduced pro rata to equal not more than the amount appropriated.

Section 19. Section **53A-17a-127** is amended to read:

53A-17a-127. Eligibility for state-supported transportation -- Approved bus routes -- Additional local tax.

(1) A student eligible for state-supported transportation means:

(a) a student enrolled in kindergarten through grade six who lives at least 1-1/2 miles from school;

(b) a student enrolled in grades seven through 12 who lives at least two miles from school; and

(c) a student enrolled in a special program offered by a school district and approved by the State Board of Education for trainable, motor, multiple-disability, or other students with severe disabilities who are incapable of walking to school or where it is unsafe for students to walk because of their disabling condition, without reference to distance from school.

(2) If a ~~[school district]~~ local school board implements double sessions as an alternative to new building construction, with the approval of the State Board of Education, those affected elementary school students residing less than 1-1/2 miles from school may be transported one way to or from school because of safety factors relating to darkness or other hazardous conditions as determined by the local school board.

(3) (a) The State Board of Education shall distribute transportation money to ~~[school districts]~~ local school boards based on:

(i) an allowance per mile for approved bus routes;

(ii) an allowance per hour for approved bus routes; and

(iii) a minimum allocation for each school district eligible for transportation funding.

(b) The State Board of Education shall distribute appropriated transportation funds based on the prior year's eligible transportation costs as legally reported under Subsection [53A-17a-126](#)(3).

(c) The State Board of Education shall annually review the allowance per mile and the allowance per hour and adjust the allowances to reflect current economic conditions.

(4) (a) Approved bus routes for funding purposes shall be determined on fall data collected by October 1.

(b) Approved route funding shall be determined on the basis of the most efficient and economic routes.

(5) A Transportation Advisory Committee with representation from local school superintendents, business officials, school district transportation supervisors, and ~~[the state superintendent's staff]~~ State Board of Education employees shall serve as a review committee for addressing school transportation needs, including recommended approved bus routes.

(6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(e), a local school board may provide for the transportation of students regardless of the distance from school, from:

(i) general funds of the district; and

(ii) a tax rate not to exceed .0003 per dollar of taxable value imposed on the district.

(b) A local school board may use revenue from the tax described in Subsection (6)(a)(ii) to pay for transporting students and for the replacement of school buses.

(c) (i) If a local school board levies a tax under Subsection (6)(a)(ii) of at least .0002, the state may contribute an amount not to exceed 85% of the state average cost per mile, contingent upon the Legislature appropriating funds for a state contribution.

(ii) The ~~[state superintendent's staff]~~ State Board of Education's employees shall distribute the state contribution according to rules enacted by the State Board of Education.

(d) (i) The amount of state guarantee money ~~[which a school district]~~ that a local school board would otherwise be entitled to receive under Subsection (6)(c) may not be reduced for the sole reason that the ~~[district's]~~ local school board's levy is reduced as a consequence of changes in the certified tax rate under Section 59-2-924 due to changes in property valuation.

(ii) Subsection (6)(d)(i) applies for a period of two years following the change in the certified tax rate.

(e) Beginning January 1, 2012, a local school board may not impose a tax in accordance with this Subsection (6).

(7) (a) (i) If a local school board expends an amount of revenue equal to at least .0002 per dollar of taxable value of the ~~[school district's]~~ local school board's board local levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-164 for the uses described in Subsection (6)(b), the state may contribute an amount not to exceed 85% of the state average cost per mile, contingent upon the Legislature appropriating funds for a state contribution.

(ii) The ~~[state superintendent's staff]~~ State Board of Education's employees shall distribute the state contribution according to rules enacted by the State Board of Education.

(b) (i) The amount of state guarantee money that a ~~[school district]~~ local school board would otherwise be entitled to receive under Subsection (7)(a) may not be reduced for the sole reason that the ~~[district's]~~ local school board's levy is reduced as a consequence of changes in the certified tax rate under Section 59-2-924 due to changes in property valuation.

(ii) Subsection (7)(b)(i) applies for a period of two years following the change in the certified tax rate.

Section 20. Section **53A-17a-133** is amended to read:

53A-17a-133. State-supported voted local levy authorized -- Election requirements -- State guarantee -- Reconsideration of the program.

(1) As used in this section, "voted and board local levy funding balance" means the difference between:

(a) the amount appropriated for the voted and board local levy program in a fiscal year; and

(b) the amount necessary to provide the state guarantee per weighted pupil unit as determined under this section and Section **53A-17a-164** in the same fiscal year.

(2) An election to consider adoption or modification of a voted local levy is required if initiative petitions signed by 10% of the number of electors who voted at the last preceding general election are presented to the local school board or by action of the local school board.

(3) (a) (i) To impose a voted local levy, a majority of the electors of a school district voting at an election in the manner set forth in Subsections (9) and (10) must vote in favor of a special tax.

(ii) The tax rate may not exceed .002 per dollar of taxable value.

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c), in order to receive state support the first year, a school district must receive voter approval no later than December 1 of the year prior to implementation.

(c) Beginning on or after January 1, 2012, a [~~school district~~] local school board may receive state support in accordance with Subsection (4) without complying with the requirements of Subsection (3)(b) if the local school board imposed a tax in accordance with this section during the taxable year beginning on January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2011.

(4) (a) In addition to the revenue [~~a school district collects~~] collected from the imposition of a levy pursuant to this section, the state shall contribute an amount sufficient to guarantee \$33.27 per weighted pupil unit for each .0001 of the first .0016 per dollar of taxable value.

(b) The same dollar amount guarantee per weighted pupil unit for the .0016 per dollar

of taxable value under Subsection (4)(a) shall apply to the portion of the board local levy authorized in Section 53A-17a-164, so that the guarantee shall apply up to a total of .002 per dollar of taxable value if a ~~[school district]~~ local school board levies a tax rate under both programs.

(c) (i) Beginning July 1, 2015, the \$33.27 guarantee under Subsections (4)(a) and (b) shall be indexed each year to the value of the weighted pupil unit for the grades 1 through 12 program by making the value of the guarantee equal to .011194 times the value of the prior year's weighted pupil unit for the grades 1 through 12 program.

(ii) The guarantee shall increase by .0005 times the value of the prior year's weighted pupil unit for the grades 1 through 12 program for each succeeding year subject to the Legislature appropriating funds for an increase in the guarantee.

(d) (i) The amount of state guarantee money to which a ~~[school district]~~ local school board would otherwise be entitled to receive under this Subsection (4) may not be reduced for the sole reason that the ~~[district's]~~ local school board's levy is reduced as a consequence of changes in the certified tax rate under Section 59-2-924 pursuant to changes in property valuation.

(ii) Subsection (4)(d)(i) applies for a period of five years following any such change in the certified tax rate.

(e) The guarantee provided under this section does not apply to the portion of a voted local levy rate that exceeds the voted local levy rate that was in effect for the previous fiscal year, unless an increase in the voted local levy rate was authorized in an election conducted on or after July 1 of the previous fiscal year and before December 2 of the previous fiscal year.

(f) (i) If a voted and board local levy funding balance exists for the prior fiscal year, the State Board of Education shall:

(A) use the voted and board local levy funding balance to increase the value of the state guarantee per weighted pupil unit described in Subsection (4)(c) in the current fiscal year; and

(B) distribute the state contribution to the voted and board local levy programs to ~~[school districts]~~ local school boards based on the increased value of the state guarantee per weighted pupil unit described in Subsection (4)(f)(i)(A).

(ii) The State Board of Education shall report action taken under this Subsection (4)(f) to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Governor's Office of Planning and

Budget.

(5) (a) An election to modify an existing voted local levy is not a reconsideration of the existing authority unless the proposition submitted to the electors expressly so states.

(b) A majority vote opposing a modification does not deprive ~~[the district]~~ a local school board of authority to continue the levy.

(c) If adoption of a voted local levy is contingent upon an offset reducing other local school board levies, the board must allow the electors, in an election, to consider modifying or discontinuing the imposition of the levy prior to a subsequent increase in other levies that would increase the total local school board levy.

(d) Nothing contained in this section terminates, without an election, the authority of a ~~[school district]~~ local school board to continue imposing an existing voted local levy previously authorized by the voters as a voted leeway program.

(6) Notwithstanding Section 59-2-919, a ~~[school district]~~ local school board may budget an increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue derived from a voted local levy imposed under this section in addition to revenue from new growth as defined in Subsection 59-2-924(4), without having to comply with the notice requirements of Section 59-2-919, if:

(a) the voted local levy is approved:

(i) in accordance with Subsections (9) and (10) on or after January 1, 2003; and

(ii) within the four-year period immediately preceding the year in which the ~~[school district]~~ local school board seeks to budget an increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue derived from the voted local levy; and

(b) for a voted local levy approved or modified in accordance with this section on or after January 1, 2009, the ~~[school district]~~ local school board complies with the requirements of Subsection (8).

(7) Notwithstanding Section 59-2-919, a ~~[school district]~~ local school board may levy a tax rate under this section that exceeds the certified tax rate without having to comply with the notice requirements of Section 59-2-919 if:

(a) the levy exceeds the certified tax rate as the result of a ~~[school district]~~ local school board budgeting an increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue derived from a voted local levy imposed under this section;

(b) the voted local levy was approved:

(i) in accordance with Subsections (9) and (10) on or after January 1, 2003; and
(ii) within the four-year period immediately preceding the year in which the ~~[school district]~~ local school board seeks to budget an increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue derived from the voted local levy; and

(c) for a voted local levy approved or modified in accordance with this section on or after January 1, 2009, the ~~[school district]~~ local school board complies with requirements of Subsection (8).

(8) For purposes of Subsection (6)(b) or (7)(c), the proposition submitted to the electors regarding the adoption or modification of a voted local levy shall contain the following statement:

"A vote in favor of this tax means that the local school board of (name of the school district) may increase revenue from this property tax without advertising the increase for the next five years."

(9) (a) Before imposing a property tax levy pursuant to this section, a ~~[school district]~~ local school board shall submit an opinion question to the school district's registered voters voting on the imposition of the tax rate so that each registered voter has the opportunity to express the registered voter's opinion on whether the tax rate should be imposed.

(b) The election required by this Subsection (9) shall be held:

(i) at a regular general election conducted in accordance with the procedures and requirements of Title 20A, Election Code, governing regular elections;

(ii) at a municipal general election conducted in accordance with the procedures and requirements of Section 20A-1-202; or

(iii) at a local special election conducted in accordance with the procedures and requirements of Section 20A-1-203.

(c) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsections (9)(a) and (b), beginning on or after January 1, 2012, a ~~[school district]~~ local school board may levy a tax rate in accordance with this section without complying with the requirements of Subsections (9)(a) and (b) if the ~~[school district]~~ local school board imposed a tax in accordance with this section at any time during the taxable year beginning on January 1, 2011, and ending on December 31, 2011.

(10) If a ~~[school district]~~ local school board determines that a majority of the school district's registered voters voting on the imposition of the tax rate have voted in favor of the

imposition of the tax rate in accordance with Subsection (9), the ~~[school district]~~ local school board may impose the tax rate.

Section 21. Section **53A-17a-134** is amended to read:

53A-17a-134. Board-approved leeway -- Purpose -- State support -- Disapproval.

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (9), a local school board may levy a tax rate of up to .0004 per dollar of taxable value to maintain a school program above the cost of the basic school program as follows:

(a) a local school board shall use the money generated by the tax for class size reduction within the school district;

(b) if a local school board determines that the average class size in the school district is not excessive, ~~[it]~~ the local school board may use the money for other school purposes but only if the local school board has declared the use for other school purposes in a public meeting prior to levying the tax rate; and

(c) a ~~[district]~~ local school board may not use the money for other school purposes under Subsection (1)(b) until ~~[it]~~ the local school board has certified in writing that ~~[its]~~ the local school board's class size needs are already being met and the local school board has identified the other school purposes for which the money will be used to the State Board of Education and the state board has approved ~~[their]~~ the local school board's use for other school purposes.

(2) (a) The state shall contribute an amount sufficient to guarantee \$27.36 per weighted pupil unit for each .0001 per dollar of taxable value.

(b) The guarantee shall increase in the same manner as provided for the voted local levy guarantee in Subsection ~~53A-17a-133~~(4)(c).

(c) (i) The amount of state guarantee money to which a ~~[school district]~~ local school board would otherwise be entitled to under this Subsection (2) may not be reduced for the sole reason that the ~~[district's]~~ local school board's levy is reduced as a consequence of changes in the certified tax rate under Section ~~59-2-924~~ pursuant to changes in property valuation.

(ii) Subsection (2)(c)(i) applies for a period of five years following any such change in the certified tax rate.

(d) The guarantee provided under this section does not apply to:

(i) a board-authorized leeway in the first fiscal year the leeway is in effect, unless the

leeway was approved by voters pursuant to Subsections (4) through (6); or

(ii) the portion of a board-authorized leeway rate that is in excess of the board-authorized leeway rate that was in effect for the previous fiscal year.

(3) The levy authorized under this section is not in addition to the maximum rate of .002 authorized in Section 53A-17a-133, but is a board-authorized component of the total tax rate under that section.

(4) As an exception to Section 53A-17a-133, the board-authorized levy does not require voter approval, but the local school board may require voter approval if requested by a majority of the local school board.

(5) An election to consider disapproval of the board-authorized levy is required, if within 60 days after the levy is established by the local school board, referendum petitions signed by the number of legal voters required in Section 20A-7-301, who reside within the school district, are filed with the ~~[school district]~~ local school board.

(6) (a) A local school board shall establish its board-approved levy by April 1 to have the levy apply to the fiscal year beginning July 1 in that same calendar year except that if an election is required under this section, the levy applies to the fiscal year beginning July 1 of the next calendar year.

(b) The approval and disapproval votes authorized in Subsections (4) and (5) shall occur at a general election in even-numbered years, except that a vote required under this section in odd-numbered years shall occur at a special election held on a day in odd-numbered years that corresponds to the general election date. The ~~[school district]~~ local school board shall pay for the cost of a special election.

(7) (a) Modification or termination of a voter-approved leeway rate authorized under this section is governed by Section 53A-17a-133.

(b) A board-authorized leeway rate may be modified or terminated by a majority vote of the local school board subject to disapproval procedures specified in this section.

(8) A board levy election does not require publication of a voter information pamphlet.

(9) Beginning January 1, 2012, a local school board may not levy a tax in accordance with this section.

Section 22. Section 53A-17a-135 is amended to read:

53A-17a-135. Minimum basic tax rate -- Certified revenue levy.

(1) As used in this section, "basic levy increment rate" means a tax rate that will generate an amount of revenue equal to \$75,000,000.

(2) (a) In order to qualify for receipt of the state contribution toward the basic program and as ~~[its]~~ a school district's contribution toward ~~[its]~~ the school district's costs of the basic program, each ~~[school district]~~ local school board shall impose a minimum basic tax rate per dollar of taxable value that generates \$380,172,300 in revenues statewide.

(b) The preliminary estimate for the 2015-16 minimum basic tax rate is .001764.

(c) The State Tax Commission shall certify on or before June 22 the rate that generates \$380,172,300 in revenues statewide.

(d) For the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2016, if the minimum basic tax rate exceeds the certified revenue levy as defined in Section 53A-17a-103, the state is subject to the notice requirements of Section 59-2-926.

(3) (a) The state shall contribute to each ~~[district]~~ local school board toward the cost of the basic program in the school district that portion which exceeds the proceeds of the difference between:

(i) the minimum basic tax rate to be imposed under Subsection (2); and

(ii) the basic levy increment rate.

(b) In accordance with the state strategic plan for public education and to fulfill ~~[its]~~ the Legislature's responsibility for the development and implementation of that plan, the Legislature instructs the State Board of Education, the governor, and the Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst in each of the coming five years to develop budgets that will fully fund student enrollment growth.

(4) (a) If the difference described in Subsection (3)(a) equals or exceeds the cost of the basic program in a school district, no state contribution shall be made to the basic program.

(b) The proceeds of the difference described in Subsection (3)(a) that exceed the cost of the basic program shall be paid into the Uniform School Fund as provided by law.

(5) The State Board of Education shall:

(a) deduct from state funds that a ~~[school district]~~ local school board is authorized to receive under this chapter an amount equal to the proceeds generated within the school district by the basic levy increment rate; and

(b) deposit the money described in Subsection (5)(a) into the Minimum Basic Growth

1107 Account created in Section [53A-17a-135.1](#).

1108 Section 23. Section **53A-17a-136** is amended to read:

1109 **53A-17a-136. Cost of operation and maintenance of minimum school program --**
1110 **Division between local school boards and the state.**

1111 (1) The total cost of operation and maintenance of the minimum school program in the
1112 state is divided between the [~~state and school districts~~] local school boards and the state as
1113 follows:

1114 (a) Each [~~school district~~] local school board shall impose a minimum basic tax rate on
1115 all taxable, tangible property in the school district and shall contribute the tax proceeds toward
1116 the cost of the basic program as provided in this chapter.

1117 (b) Each [~~school district~~] local school board may also impose a levy for the purpose of
1118 participating in the levy programs provided in Section [53A-17a-133](#) or [53A-17a-164](#).

1119 (c) The state shall contribute the balance of the total costs.

1120 (2) The contributions by the [~~school districts~~] local school board and by the state are
1121 computed separately for the purpose of determining [~~their~~] respective contributions to the basic
1122 program and to the levy programs provided in Section [53A-17a-133](#) or [53A-17a-164](#).

1123 Section 24. Section **53A-17a-139** is amended to read:

1124 **53A-17a-139. Loss in student enrollment -- Board action.**

1125 To avoid penalizing a school district financially for an excessive loss in student
1126 enrollment due to factors beyond its control, the State Board of Education may allow a
1127 percentage increase in units otherwise allowable during any year when a school district's
1128 average daily membership drops more than 4% below the average for the highest two of the
1129 preceding three years in the school district.

1130 Section 25. Section **53A-17a-140** is amended to read:

1131 **53A-17a-140. Contracts with teachers.**

1132 A school district may not enter into contracts with teachers that would prevent the
1133 school district from paying differential salaries or putting limitations on an individual salary
1134 paid in order to fill a shortage in specific teaching areas.

1135 Section 26. Section **53A-17a-141** is amended to read:

1136 **53A-17a-141. Alternative programs.**

1137 (1) Since the State Board of Education has adopted a policy that requires school

districts to grant credit for proficiency through alternative programs, school districts are encouraged to continue and expand ~~[their]~~ school district cooperation with accredited institutions through performance contracts for educational services, particularly where it is beneficial to students whose progress could be better served through alternative programs.

(2) School districts are encouraged to participate in programs that focus on increasing the number of ethnic minority and female students in the secondary schools who will go on to study mathematics, engineering, or related sciences at an institution of higher education.

Section 27. Section **53A-17a-143** is amended to read:

53A-17a-143. Federal Impact Aid Program -- Offset for underestimated allocations from the Federal Impact Aid Program.

(1) In addition to the revenues received from the levy imposed by each ~~[school district]~~ local school board and authorized by the Legislature under Section ~~53A-17a-135~~, the Legislature shall provide an amount equal to the difference between the school district's anticipated receipts under the entitlement for the fiscal year from the Federal Impact Aid Program and the amount the school district actually received from this source for the next preceding fiscal year.

(2) If at the end of a fiscal year the sum of the receipts of a ~~[school district]~~ local school board from a distribution from the Legislature pursuant to Subsection (1) plus the school district's allocations from the Federal Impact Aid Program for that fiscal year exceeds the amount allocated to the school district from the Federal Impact Aid Program for the next preceding fiscal year, the excess funds are carried into the next succeeding fiscal year and become in that year a part of the school district's contribution to ~~[its]~~ the school district's basic program for operation and maintenance under the state minimum school finance law.

(3) During that year ~~[the]~~ a local school board reduces the school district's required tax rate for the basic program shall be reduced so that the yield from the reduced tax rate plus the carryover funds equal the school district's required contribution to ~~[its]~~ the school district's basic program.

(4) A ~~[district]~~ local school board that reduces ~~[its]~~ a school district's basic tax rate under this section shall receive state minimum school program funds as though the reduction in the tax rate had not been made.

Section 28. Section **53A-17a-144** is amended to read:

**53A-17a-144. Contribution of state to cost of minimum school program --
Determination of amounts -- Levy on taxable property -- Disbursal -- Deficiency.**

The state's contribution to the total cost of the minimum school program is determined and distributed as follows:

(1) The State Tax Commission shall levy an amount determined by the Legislature on all taxable property of the state.

(a) This amount, together with other funds provided by law, is the state's contribution to the minimum school program.

(b) The statewide levy is set at zero until changed by the Legislature.

(2) During the first week in November, the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Board of Education the amounts designated as state aid for each school district under Section 59-2-902.

(3) (a) The actual amounts computed under Section 59-2-902 are the state's contribution to the minimum school program of each school district.

(b) The state board shall provide each [~~district~~] local school board with a statement of the amount of state aid.

(4) Prior to the first day of each month, the state treasurer and the Division of Finance, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall disburse 1/12 of the state's contribution to the cost of the minimum school program to each [~~school-district~~] local school board.

(a) A disbursement may not be made to a [~~district~~] local school board whose payments have been interrupted under Subsection (4)(d).

(b) Discrepancies between the monthly disbursements and the actual cost of the program shall be adjusted in the final settlement under Subsection (5).

(c) If the monthly distributions overdraw the money in the Uniform School Fund, the Division of Finance is authorized to run this fund in a deficit position.

(d) The state board may interrupt disbursements to a [~~district~~] local school board if, in the judgment of the school board, the district is failing to comply with the minimum school program, is operating programs that are not approved by the state board, or has not submitted reports required by law or the state board.

(i) Disbursements shall be resumed upon request of the state board.

(ii) Back disbursements shall be included in the next regular disbursement, and the

1200 amount disbursed certified to the State Division of Finance and state treasurer by the state
1201 board.

1202 (e) The State Board of Education may authorize exceptions to the 1/12 per month
1203 disbursement formula for grant funds if the board determines that a different disbursement
1204 formula would better serve the purposes of the grant.

1205 (5) (a) If money in the Uniform School Fund is insufficient to meet the state's
1206 contribution to the minimum school program as appropriated, the amount of the deficiency thus
1207 created shall be carried as a deficiency in the Uniform School Fund until the next session of the
1208 Legislature, at which time the Legislature shall appropriate funds to cover the deficiency.

1209 (b) If there is an operating deficit in public education Uniform School Fund
1210 appropriations, the Legislature shall eliminate the deficit by:

1211 (i) budget transfers or other legal means;

1212 (ii) appropriating money from the Education Budget Reserve Account;

1213 (iii) appropriating up to 25% of the balance in the General Fund Budget Reserve
1214 Account; or

1215 (iv) some combination of Subsections (5)(b)(i), (ii), and (iii).

1216 (c) Nothing in Subsection (5)(b) precludes the Legislature from appropriating more
1217 than 25% of the balance in the General Fund Budget Reserve Account to fund operating
1218 deficits in public education appropriations.

1219 Section 29. Section **53A-17a-145** is amended to read:

1220 **53A-17a-145. Additional levy by local school board for debt service, school sites,**
1221 **buildings, buses, textbooks, and supplies.**

1222 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a [~~school district~~] local school board may
1223 elect to increase [~~its~~] the school district's tax rate by up to 10% of the cost of the basic program.

1224 (2) The proceeds from the increase may only be used for debt service, the construction
1225 or remodeling of school buildings, or the purchase of school sites, buses, equipment, textbooks,
1226 and supplies.

1227 (3) This section does not prohibit a [~~district~~] local school board from exercising the
1228 authority granted by other laws relating to tax rates.

1229 (4) This increase in the tax rate is not included in determining the apportionment of the
1230 State School Fund, and is in addition to other tax rates authorized by law.

1231 (5) Beginning January 1, 2012, a ~~[school district]~~ local school board may not:

1232 (a) levy a tax rate in accordance with this section; or

1233 (b) increase its tax rate as described in Subsection (1).

1234 Section 30. Section ~~53A-17a-146~~ is amended to read:

1235 **53A-17a-146. Reduction of local school board allocation based on insufficient**
1236 **revenues.**

1237 (1) As used in this section, "Minimum School Program funds" means the total of state
1238 and local funds appropriated for the minimum school program, excluding:

1239 (a) the state-supported voted local levy program pursuant to Section [53A-17a-133](#);

1240 (b) the state-supported board local levy program pursuant to Section [53A-17a-164](#); and

1241 (c) the appropriation to charter schools to replace local property tax revenues pursuant
1242 to Section [53A-1a-513](#).

1243 (2) If the Legislature reduces appropriations made to support public schools under this
1244 chapter because an Education Fund budget deficit, as defined in Section [63J-1-312](#), exists, the
1245 State Board of Education, after consultation with each ~~[school district and charter school]~~ local
1246 education board, shall allocate the reduction among ~~[school districts and charter schools]~~ local
1247 education boards in proportion to each school district's or charter school's percentage share of
1248 Minimum School Program funds.

1249 (3) Except as provided in Subsection (5) and subject to the requirements of Subsection
1250 (7), a ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board shall determine which programs
1251 are affected by a reduction pursuant to Subsection (2) and the amount each program is reduced.

1252 (4) Except as provided in Subsections (5) and (6), the requirement to spend a specified
1253 amount in any particular program is waived if reductions are made pursuant to Subsection (2).

1254 (5) A ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board may not reduce or
1255 reallocate spending of funds distributed to the ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education
1256 board for the following programs:

1257 (a) educator salary adjustments provided in Section [53A-17a-153](#);

1258 (b) the Teacher Salary Supplement Program provided in Section [53A-17a-156](#);

1259 (c) the extended year for special educators provided in Section [53A-17a-158](#);

1260 (d) USTAR centers provided in Section [53A-17a-159](#);

1261 (e) the School LAND Trust Program created in Section [53A-16-101.5](#); or

(f) a special education program within the Basic School Program.

(6) A ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board may not reallocate spending of funds distributed to the ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board to a reserve account.

(7) A ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board that reduces or reallocates funds in accordance with this section shall report all transfers into, or out of, Minimum School Program programs to the State Board of Education as part of the school district or charter school's Annual Financial and Program report.

Section 31. Section **53A-17a-150** is amended to read:

53A-17a-150. K-3 Reading Improvement Program.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

(b) "Five domains of reading" include phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary.

(c) "Program" means the K-3 Reading Improvement Program.

(d) "Program money" means:

(i) school district revenue allocated to the program from other money available to the ~~[school district]~~ local school board, except money provided by the state, for the purpose of receiving state funds under this section; and

(ii) money appropriated by the Legislature to the program.

(2) The K-3 Reading Improvement Program consists of program money and is created to supplement other school resources to achieve the state's goal of having third graders reading at or above grade level.

(3) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature may annually appropriate money to the K-3 Reading Improvement Program.

(4) (a) To receive program money, a ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board must submit a plan to the board for reading proficiency improvement that incorporates the following components:

(i) assessment;

(ii) intervention strategies;

(iii) professional development for classroom teachers in kindergarten through grade

1293 three;

1294 (iv) reading performance standards; and

1295 (v) specific measurable goals that include the following:

1296 (A) a growth goal for each school within a school district and each charter school

1297 based upon student learning gains as measured by benchmark assessments administered

1298 pursuant to Section 53A-1-606.6; and

1299 (B) a growth goal for each school district and charter school to increase the percentage

1300 of third grade students who read on grade level from year to year as measured by the third

1301 grade reading test administered pursuant to Section 53A-1-603.

1302 (b) The board shall provide model plans which a ~~[school district or charter school]~~

1303 local education board may use, or the ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board

1304 may develop ~~[its]~~ the local education board's own plan.

1305 (c) Plans developed by a ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board shall

1306 be approved by the board.

1307 (d) The board shall develop uniform standards for acceptable growth goals that a

1308 ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board adopts for a school district or charter

1309 school as described in this Subsection (4).

1310 (5) (a) There is created within the K-3 Reading Achievement Program three funding

1311 programs:

1312 (i) the Base Level Program;

1313 (ii) the Guarantee Program; and

1314 (iii) the Low Income Students Program.

1315 (b) The board may use no more than \$7,500,000 from an appropriation described in

1316 Subsection (3) for computer-assisted instructional learning and assessment programs.

1317 (6) Money appropriated to the board for the K-3 Reading Improvement Program and

1318 not used by the board for computer-assisted instructional learning and assessments as described

1319 in Subsection (5)(b), shall be allocated to the three funding programs as follows:

1320 (a) 8% to the Base Level Program;

1321 (b) 46% to the Guarantee Program; and

1322 (c) 46% to the Low Income Students Program.

1323 (7) (a) ~~[To]~~ For a school district or charter school to participate in the Base Level

Program, ~~[a school district or charter school]~~ the local education board shall submit a reading proficiency improvement plan to the board as provided in Subsection (4) and must receive approval of the plan from the board.

(b) (i) ~~[Each]~~ The local school board of a school district qualifying for Base Level Program funds and the governing boards of qualifying elementary charter schools combined shall receive a base amount.

(ii) The base amount for the qualifying elementary charter schools combined shall be allocated among each ~~[school]~~ elementary charter school's governing board in an amount proportionate to:

(A) each existing charter school's prior year fall enrollment in grades kindergarten through grade three; and

(B) each new charter school's estimated fall enrollment in grades kindergarten through grade three.

(8) (a) A ~~[school district]~~ local school board that applies for program money in excess of the Base Level Program funds shall choose to first participate in either the Guarantee Program or the Low Income Students Program.

(b) A school district must fully participate in either the Guarantee Program or the Low Income Students Program before ~~[it]~~ the local school board may elect for the school district to either fully or partially participate in the other program.

(c) ~~[To]~~ For a school district to fully participate in the Guarantee Program, ~~[a school district]~~ the local school board shall allocate to the program money available to the school district, except money provided by the state, equal to the amount of revenue that would be generated by a tax rate of .000056.

(d) ~~[To]~~ For a school district to fully participate in the Low Income Students Program, ~~[a school district]~~ the local school board shall allocate to the program money available to the school district, except money provided by the state, equal to the amount of revenue that would be generated by a tax rate of .000065.

(e) (i) The board shall verify that a ~~[school district]~~ local school board allocates the money required in accordance with Subsections (8)(c) and (d) before ~~[it]~~ the local school board distributes funds in accordance with this section.

(ii) The State Tax Commission shall provide the board the information the board needs

1355 in order to comply with Subsection (8)(e)(i).

1356 (9) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (9)(c), the local school board of a school
1357 district that fully participates in the Guarantee Program shall receive state funds in an amount
1358 that is:

1359 (i) equal to the difference between \$21 times the school district's total WPUs and the
1360 revenue the ~~[school district]~~ local school board is required to allocate under Subsection (8)(c)
1361 for the school district to fully participate in the Guarantee Program; and

1362 (ii) not less than \$0.

1363 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (9)(c), the governing board of an elementary
1364 charter school shall receive under the Guarantee Program an amount equal to \$21 times the
1365 elementary charter school's total WPUs.

1366 (c) The board may adjust the \$21 guarantee amount described in Subsections (9)(a) and
1367 (b) to account for actual appropriations and money used by the board for computer-assisted
1368 instructional learning and assessments.

1369 (10) The board shall distribute Low Income Students Program funds in an amount
1370 proportionate to the number of students in each school district or charter school who qualify for
1371 free or reduced price school lunch multiplied by two.

1372 (11) ~~[A]~~ The local school board of a school district that partially participates in the
1373 Guarantee Program or Low Income Students Program shall receive program funds based on the
1374 amount of school district revenue allocated to the program as a percentage of the amount of
1375 revenue that could have been allocated if the school district had fully participated in the
1376 program.

1377 (12) (a) A ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board shall use program
1378 money for reading proficiency improvement interventions in grades kindergarten through grade
1379 3 that have proven to significantly increase the percentage of students reading at grade level,
1380 including:

1381 (i) reading assessments; and

1382 (ii) focused reading remediations that may include:

1383 (A) the use of reading specialists;

1384 (B) tutoring;

1385 (C) before or after school programs;

(D) summer school programs; or
(E) the use of reading software; or
(F) the use of interactive computer software programs for literacy instruction and assessments for students.

(b) A ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board may use program money for portable technology devices used to administer reading assessments.

(c) Program money may not be used to supplant funds for existing programs, but may be used to augment existing programs.

(13) (a) Each ~~[school district and charter school]~~ local education board shall annually submit a report to the board accounting for the expenditure of program money in accordance with its plan for reading proficiency improvement.

(b) On or before the November meeting of the Education Interim Committee of each year, the board shall report a summary of the reading improvement program expenditures ~~[of]~~ for each school district and charter school.

(c) If a ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board uses program money in a manner that is inconsistent with Subsection (12), the ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board is liable for reimbursing the board for the amount of program money improperly used, up to the amount of program money received from the board.

(14) (a) The board shall make rules to implement the program.

(b) (i) The rules under Subsection (14)(a) shall require each ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board to annually report progress in meeting ~~[school and school district]~~ goals stated in the school ~~[district's]~~ district or charter school's plan for student reading proficiency.

(ii) If a school does not meet or exceed the school's goals, the ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board shall prepare a new plan which corrects deficiencies. The new plan must be approved by the board before the ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board receives an allocation for the next year.

(15) (a) If for two consecutive school years, a school district fails to meet ~~[its]~~ the school district's goal to increase the percentage of third grade students who read on grade level as measured by the third grade reading test administered pursuant to Section 53A-1-603, the ~~[school district]~~ school district's local school board shall terminate any levy imposed under

1417 Section 53A-17a-151 and may not receive money appropriated by the Legislature for the K-3
1418 Reading Improvement Program.

1419 (b) If for two consecutive school years, a charter school fails to meet ~~[its]~~ the charter
1420 school's goal to increase the percentage of third grade students who read on grade level as
1421 measured by the third grade reading test administered pursuant to Section 53A-1-603, the
1422 charter ~~[school]~~ school's governing board may not receive money appropriated by the
1423 Legislature for the K-3 Reading Improvement Program.

1424 (16) The board shall make an annual report to the Public Education Appropriations
1425 Subcommittee that:

1426 (a) includes information on:

1427 (i) student learning gains in reading for the past school year and the five-year trend;

1428 (ii) the percentage of third grade students reading on grade level in the past school year
1429 and the five-year trend;

1430 (iii) the progress of schools and school districts in meeting goals stated in a school
1431 district's or charter school's plan for student reading proficiency; and

1432 (iv) the correlation between third grade students reading on grade level and results of
1433 third grade language arts scores on a criterion-referenced test or computer adaptive test; and

1434 (b) may include recommendations on how to increase the percentage of third grade
1435 students who read on grade level.

1436 Section 32. Section 53A-17a-151 is amended to read:

1437 **53A-17a-151. Board leeway for reading improvement.**

1438 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (4), a local school board may levy a tax rate of up
1439 to .000121 per dollar of taxable value for funding the school district's K-3 Reading
1440 Improvement Program created under Section 53A-17a-150.

1441 (2) The levy authorized under this section:

1442 (a) is in addition to any other levy or maximum rate;

1443 (b) does not require voter approval; and

1444 (c) may be modified or terminated by a majority vote of the local school board.

1445 (3) A local school board shall establish ~~[its]~~ a board-approved levy under this section
1446 by June 1 to have the levy apply to the fiscal year beginning July 1 in that same calendar year.

1447 (4) Beginning January 1, 2012, a local school board may not levy a tax in accordance

1448 with this section.

1449 Section 33. Section **53A-17a-153** is amended to read:

1450 **53A-17a-153. Educator salary adjustments.**

1451 (1) As used in this section, "educator" means a person employed by a school district,
1452 charter school, or the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind who holds:

1453 (a) a license issued under Title 53A, Chapter 6, Educator Licensing and Professional
1454 Practices Act; and

1455 (b) a position as a:

1456 (i) classroom teacher;

1457 (ii) speech pathologist;

1458 (iii) librarian or media specialist;

1459 (iv) preschool teacher;

1460 (v) mentor teacher;

1461 (vi) teacher specialist or teacher leader;

1462 (vii) guidance counselor;

1463 (viii) audiologist;

1464 (ix) psychologist; or

1465 (x) social worker.

1466 (2) In recognition of the need to attract and retain highly skilled and dedicated
1467 educators, the Legislature shall annually appropriate money for educator salary adjustments,
1468 subject to future budget constraints.

1469 (3) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for educator salary
1470 adjustments shall be distributed to [~~school districts, charter schools,~~] local education boards
1471 and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in proportion to the number of
1472 full-time-equivalent educator positions in a school district, a charter school, or the Utah
1473 Schools for the Deaf and the Blind as compared to the total number of full-time-equivalent
1474 educator positions in school districts, charter schools, and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and
1475 the Blind.

1476 (4) [~~School districts, charter schools,~~] Local education boards and the Utah Schools for
1477 the Deaf and the Blind shall award bonuses to educators as follows:

1478 (a) the amount of the salary adjustment shall be the same for each full-time-equivalent

1479 educator position in the school district, charter school, or the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the
1480 Blind;

1481 (b) a person who is not a full-time educator shall receive a partial salary adjustment
1482 based on the number of hours the person works as an educator; and

1483 (c) salary adjustments may be awarded only to educators who have received a
1484 satisfactory rating or above on their most recent evaluation.

1485 (5) (a) Each [~~school district and charter school~~] local education board and the Utah
1486 Schools for the Deaf and the Blind shall submit a report to the State Board of Education on
1487 how the money for salary adjustments was spent, including the amount of the salary adjustment
1488 and the number of full and partial salary adjustments awarded.

1489 (b) The State Board of Education shall compile the information reported under
1490 Subsection (5) and submit it to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee by
1491 November 30 each year.

1492 (6) The State Board of Education may make rules as necessary to administer this
1493 section, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

1494 (7) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall appropriate sufficient
1495 money each year to:

1496 (i) maintain educator salary adjustments provided in prior years; and

1497 (ii) provide educator salary adjustments to new employees.

1498 (b) Money appropriated for educator salary adjustments shall include money for the
1499 following employer-paid benefits:

1500 (i) retirement;

1501 (ii) worker's compensation;

1502 (iii) Social Security; and

1503 (iv) Medicare.

1504 (8) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall:

1505 (i) maintain the salary adjustments provided to school administrators in the 2007-08
1506 school year; and

1507 (ii) provide salary adjustments for new school administrators in the same amount as
1508 provided for existing school administrators.

1509 (b) The appropriation provided for educator salary adjustments shall include salary

1510 adjustments for school administrators as specified in Subsection (8)(a).

1511 (c) In distributing and awarding salary adjustments for school administrators, the State
1512 Board of Education, [~~school districts, charter schools~~] local education boards, and the Utah
1513 Schools for the Deaf and the Blind shall comply with the requirements for the distribution and
1514 award of educator salary adjustments as provided in Subsections (3) and (4).

1515 Section 34. Section **53A-17a-154** is amended to read:

1516 **53A-17a-154. Appropriation for school nurses.**

1517 The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for school nurses to
1518 award grants to [~~school districts and charter schools~~] local education boards that:

- 1519 (1) provide an equal amount of matching funds; and
1520 (2) do not supplant other money used for school nurses.

1521 Section 35. Section **53A-17a-155** is amended to read:

1522 **53A-17a-155. Appropriation for library books and electronic resources.**

1523 (1) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for library books
1524 and electronic resources as follows:

- 1525 (a) 25% shall be divided equally among all public schools; and
1526 (b) 75% shall be divided among public schools based on each school's average daily
1527 membership as compared to the total average daily membership.

1528 (2) A [~~school district or charter school~~] local education board may not use money
1529 distributed under Subsection (1) to supplant other money used to purchase library books or
1530 electronic resources.

1531 Section 36. Section **53A-17a-156** is amended to read:

1532 **53A-17a-156. Teacher Salary Supplement Program -- Appeal process.**

1533 (1) As used in this section:

- 1534 (a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.
1535 (b) "Eligible teacher" means a teacher who:
1536 (i) has an assignment to teach:
1537 (A) a secondary school level mathematics course;
1538 (B) integrated science in grade seven or eight;
1539 (C) chemistry;
1540 (D) physics; or

1541 (E) computer science;
1542 (ii) holds the appropriate endorsement for the assigned course;
1543 (iii) has qualifying educational background; and
1544 (iv) (A) is a new employee; or
1545 (B) received a satisfactory rating or above on the teacher's most recent evaluation.
1546 (c) "Qualifying educational background" means:
1547 (i) for a teacher who is assigned a secondary school level mathematics course:
1548 (A) a bachelor's degree major, master's degree, or doctoral degree in mathematics; or
1549 (B) a bachelor's degree major, master's degree, or doctoral degree that has course
1550 requirements that are substantially equivalent to the course requirements for a bachelor's degree
1551 major, master's degree, or doctoral degree in mathematics;
1552 (ii) for a teacher who is assigned a grade seven or eight integrated science course,
1553 chemistry course, or physics course, a bachelor's degree major, master's degree, or doctoral
1554 degree in:
1555 (A) integrated science;
1556 (B) chemistry;
1557 (C) physics;
1558 (D) physical science;
1559 (E) general science; or
1560 (F) a bachelor's degree major, master's degree, or doctoral degree that has course
1561 requirements that are substantially equivalent to the course requirements of those required for a
1562 degree listed in Subsections (1)(c)(ii)(A) through (E);
1563 (iii) for a teacher who is assigned a computer science course, a bachelor's degree major,
1564 master's degree, or doctoral degree in:
1565 (A) computer science;
1566 (B) computer information technology; or
1567 (C) a bachelor's degree major, master's degree, or doctoral degree that has course
1568 requirements that are substantially equivalent to the course requirements of those required for a
1569 degree listed in Subsections (1)(c)(iii)(A) and (B).
1570 (2) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall annually appropriate
1571 money to the Teacher Salary Supplement Restricted Account established in Section

1572 53A-17a-157 to fund the Teacher Salary Supplement Program.

1573 (b) Money appropriated for the Teacher Salary Supplement Program shall include
1574 money for the following employer-paid benefits:

1575 (i) retirement;

1576 (ii) workers' compensation;

1577 (iii) social security; and

1578 (iv) Medicare.

1579 (3) (a) The annual salary supplement for an eligible teacher who is assigned full time to
1580 teach one or more courses listed in Subsections (1)(b)(i)(A) through (E) is \$4,100.

1581 (b) An eligible teacher who has a part-time assignment to teach one or more courses
1582 listed in Subsections (1)(b)(i)(A) through (E) shall receive a partial salary supplement based on
1583 the number of hours worked in a course assignment that meets the requirements of Subsections
1584 (1)(b)(ii) and (iii).

1585 (4) The board shall:

1586 (a) create an online application system for a teacher to apply to receive a salary
1587 supplement through the Teacher Salary Supplement Program;

1588 (b) determine if a teacher:

1589 (i) is an eligible teacher; and

1590 (ii) has a course assignment as listed in Subsections (1)(b)(i)(A) through (E); and

1591 (c) verify, as needed, the determinations made under Subsection (4)(b) with school
1592 district and school administrators.

1593 (5) (a) An eligible teacher shall apply with the board before the conclusion of a school
1594 year to receive the salary supplement authorized in this section.

1595 (b) An eligible teacher may apply with the board, after verification that the
1596 requirements under this section have been satisfied, to receive a salary supplement after the
1597 completion of:

1598 (i) the school year as an annual award; or

1599 (ii) a semester or trimester as a partial award based on the portion of the school year
1600 that has been completed.

1601 (6) (a) The board shall establish and administer an appeal process for a teacher to
1602 follow if the teacher applies for the salary supplement and is not certified under Subsection (4).

(b) (i) The appeal process established in Subsection (6)(a) shall allow a teacher to appeal on the basis that the teacher has a degree or degree major with course requirements that are substantially equivalent to the course requirements for a degree listed in:

(A) Subsection (1)(c)(i)(A);

(B) Subsections (1)(c)(ii)(A) through (E); or

(C) Subsections (1)(c)(iii)(A) and (B).

(ii) A teacher shall provide transcripts and other documentation to the board in order for the board to determine if the teacher has a degree or degree major with course requirements that are substantially equivalent to the course requirements for a degree listed in:

(A) Subsection (1)(c)(i)(A);

(B) Subsections (1)(c)(ii)(A) through (E); or

(C) Subsections (1)(c)(iii)(A) and (B).

(7) (a) The board shall distribute money from the Teacher Salary Supplement Restricted Account to ~~[school districts and charter schools]~~ local education boards for the Teacher Salary Supplement Program in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) The board shall include the employer-paid benefits described under Subsection (2)(b) in the amount of each salary supplement.

(c) The employer-paid benefits described under Subsection (2)(b) are an addition to the salary supplement limits described under Subsection (3).

(8) (a) Money received from the Teacher Salary Supplement Restricted Account shall be used by a ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board to provide a salary supplement equal to the amount specified in Subsection (3) for each eligible teacher.

(b) The salary supplement is part of the teacher's base pay, subject to the teacher's qualification as an eligible teacher every year, semester, or trimester.

(9) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the appropriation for the program is insufficient to cover the costs associated with salary supplements, the board may limit or reduce the salary supplements.

Section 37. Section **53A-17a-157** is amended to read:

53A-17a-157. Teacher Salary Supplement Restricted Account.

(1) There is created within the Uniform School Fund a restricted account known as the "Teacher Salary Supplement Restricted Account."

1634 (2) The account shall be funded from appropriations made to the account by the
1635 Legislature.

1636 (3) The account shall be used to fund teacher salary supplements for school districts
1637 and charter schools as provided in Section 53A-17a-156.

1638 (4) The State Board of Education shall distribute account money to ~~[school districts~~
1639 ~~and charter schools]~~ local education boards for the Teacher Salary Supplement Program as
1640 provided in Section 53A-17a-156.

1641 Section 38. Section 53A-17a-158 is amended to read:

1642 **53A-17a-158. Stipends for special educators for additional days of work.**

1643 (1) As used in this section:

1644 (a) "IEP" means an individualized education program developed pursuant to the
1645 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, as amended.

1646 (b) "Special education teacher" means a teacher whose primary assignment is the
1647 instruction of students with disabilities who are eligible for special education services.

1648 (c) "Special educator" means a person employed by a school district, charter school, or
1649 the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind who holds:

1650 (i) a license issued under Title 53A, Chapter 6, Educator Licensing and Professional
1651 Practices Act; and

1652 (ii) a position as a:

1653 (A) special education teacher; or

1654 (B) speech-language pathologist.

1655 (2) The Legislature shall annually appropriate money for stipends to special educators
1656 for additional days of work:

1657 (a) in recognition of the added duties and responsibilities assumed by special educators
1658 to comply with federal law regulating the education of students with disabilities and the need to
1659 attract and retain qualified special educators; and

1660 (b) subject to future budget constraints.

1661 (3) (a) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated under this
1662 section to ~~[school districts, charter schools,]~~ local education boards and the Utah Schools for
1663 the Deaf and the Blind for stipends for special educators in the amount of \$200 per day for up
1664 to 10 additional working days.

(b) Money distributed under this section shall include, in addition to the \$200 per day stipend, money for the following employer-paid benefits:

- (i) retirement;
- (ii) workers' compensation;
- (iii) Social Security; and
- (iv) Medicare.

(4) A special educator receiving a stipend shall:

(a) work an additional day beyond the number of days contracted with the special educator's school district or charter school for each daily stipend;

(b) schedule the additional days of work before or after the school year; and

(c) use the additional days of work to perform duties related to the IEP process, including:

- (i) administering student assessments;
- (ii) conducting IEP meetings;
- (iii) writing IEPs;
- (iv) conferring with parents; and
- (v) maintaining records and preparing reports.

(5) A special educator may:

- (a) elect to receive a stipend for one to 10 days of additional work; or
- (b) elect to not receive a stipend.

(6) A person who does not hold a full-time position as a special educator is eligible for a partial stipend equal to the percentage of a full-time special educator position the person assumes.

Section 39. Section **53A-17a-159** is amended to read:

53A-17a-159. Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative Centers Program.

(1) (a) The Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative (USTAR) Centers Program is created to provide a financial incentive for [~~charter schools and school districts~~] local education boards to adopt programs in charter schools and school districts that result in a more efficient use of human resources and capital facilities.

(b) The potential benefits of the program include:

- 1696 (i) increased compensation for math and science teachers by providing opportunities
1697 for an expanded contract year which will enhance school districts' and charter schools' ability to
1698 attract and retain talented and highly qualified math and science teachers;
- 1699 (ii) increased capacity of school buildings by using buildings more hours of the day or
1700 more days of the year, resulting in reduced capital facilities costs;
- 1701 (iii) decreased class sizes created by expanding the number of instructional
1702 opportunities in a year;
- 1703 (iv) opportunities for earlier high school graduation;
- 1704 (v) improved student college preparation;
- 1705 (vi) increased opportunities to offer additional remedial and advanced courses in math
1706 and science;
- 1707 (vii) opportunities to coordinate high school and post-secondary math and science
1708 education; and
- 1709 (viii) the creation or improvement of science, technology, engineering, and math
1710 centers (STEM Centers).
- 1711 (2) From money appropriated for the USTAR Centers Program, the State Board of
1712 Education shall award grants to [~~charter schools and school districts~~] local education boards to
1713 pay for costs related to the adoption and implementation of the program.
- 1714 (3) The State Board of Education shall:
- 1715 (a) solicit proposals from the State Charter School Board and [~~school districts~~] local
1716 school boards for the use of grant money to facilitate the adoption and implementation of the
1717 program; and
- 1718 (b) award grants on a competitive basis.
- 1719 (4) The State Charter School Board shall:
- 1720 (a) solicit proposals from charter [~~schools~~] school governing boards that may be
1721 interested in participating in the USTAR Centers Program;
- 1722 (b) prioritize [~~the charter school proposals and consolidate them~~] and consolidate the
1723 proposals into the equivalent of a single school district request; and
- 1724 (c) submit the consolidated request to the State Board of Education.
- 1725 (5) In selecting a grant recipient, the State Board of Education shall consider:
- 1726 (a) the degree to which a [~~charter school or school district's~~] local education board's

proposed adoption and implementation of an extended year for math and science teachers achieves the benefits described in Subsection (1);

(b) the unique circumstances of different urban, rural, large, small, growing, and declining charter schools and school districts; and

(c) providing pilot programs in as many different school districts and charter schools as possible.

(6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board may only use grant money to provide full year teacher contracts, part-time teacher contract extensions, or combinations of both, for math and science teachers.

(b) Up to 5% of the grant money may be used to fund math and science field trips, textbooks, and supplies.

(7) Participation in the USTAR Centers Program shall be:

(a) voluntary for an individual teacher; and

(b) voluntary for a charter school or school district.

(8) The State Board of Education shall make an annual report during the 2009, 2010, and 2011 interims to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee describing the program's impact on students and its effectiveness at achieving the benefits described in Subsection (1).

Section 40. Section **53A-17a-162** is amended to read:

53A-17a-162. Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Endowed chair" means a person who holds an endowed position or administrator of an endowed program for the purpose of arts and integrated arts instruction at an endowed university.

(b) "Endowed university" means an institution of higher education in the state that:

(i) awards elementary education degrees in arts instruction;

(ii) has received a major philanthropic donation for the purpose of arts and integrated arts instruction; and

(iii) has created an endowed position as a result of a donation described in Subsection (1)(b)(ii).

(c) "Integrated arts advocate" means a person who:

1758 (i) advocates for arts and integrated arts instruction in the state; and
1759 (ii) coordinates with an endowed chair pursuant to the agreement creating the endowed
1760 chair.

1761 [~~(d) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means:~~]

1762 [~~(i) a school district;~~]

1763 [~~(ii) a charter school; or~~]

1764 [~~(iii) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.~~]

1765 (d) "Local education board" includes the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

1766 (2) The Legislature finds that a strategic placement of arts in elementary education can
1767 impact the critical thinking of students in other core subject areas, including mathematics,
1768 reading, and science.

1769 (3) The Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program is created to
1770 enhance the social, emotional, academic, and arts learning of students in kindergarten through
1771 grade six by integrating arts teaching and learning into core subject areas and providing
1772 professional development for positions that support elementary arts and integrated arts
1773 education.

1774 (4) From money appropriated for the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts
1775 Learning Program, and subject to Subsection (5), the State Board of Education shall, after
1776 consulting with endowed chairs and the integrated arts advocate and receiving their
1777 recommendations, administer a grant program to enable ~~[LEAs]~~ a local education board to:

1778 (a) hire highly qualified arts specialists, art coordinators, and other positions that
1779 support arts education and arts integration;

1780 (b) provide up to \$10,000 in one-time funds for each new school arts specialist
1781 described under Subsection (4)(a) to purchase supplies and equipment; and

1782 (c) engage in other activities that improve the quantity and quality of integrated arts
1783 education.

1784 (5) (a) ~~[An LEA]~~ A local education board that receives a grant under Subsection (4)
1785 shall provide matching funds of no less than 20% of the grant amount, including no less than
1786 20% of the grant amount for actual salary and benefit costs per full-time equivalent position
1787 funded under Subsection (4)(a).

1788 (b) ~~[An LEA]~~ A local education board may not:

- 1789 (i) include administrative, facility, or capital costs to provide the matching funds
1790 required under Subsection (5)(a); or
- 1791 (ii) use funds from the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program to
1792 supplant funds for existing programs.
- 1793 (6) ~~[An LEA]~~ A local education board that receives a grant under this section shall
1794 partner with an endowed chair to provide professional development in integrated elementary
1795 arts education.
- 1796 (7) From money appropriated for the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts
1797 Learning Program, the State Board of Education shall administer a grant program to fund
1798 activities within arts and the integrated arts programs at an endowed university in the college
1799 where the endowed chair resides to:
- 1800 (a) provide high quality professional development in elementary integrated arts
1801 education in accordance with the professional learning standards in Section 53A-3-701 to
1802 ~~[LEAs that receive]~~ the beneficiary of a local education board that receives a grant under
1803 Subsection (4);
- 1804 (b) design and conduct research on:
- 1805 (i) elementary integrated arts education and instruction;
- 1806 (ii) implementation and evaluation of the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts
1807 Learning Program; and
- 1808 (iii) effectiveness of the professional development under Subsection (7)(a); and
- 1809 (c) provide the public with integrated elementary arts education resources.
- 1810 (8) The State Board of Education shall:
- 1811 (a) make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
1812 Rulemaking Act, to administer the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning
1813 Program; and
- 1814 (b) after consultation with endowed chairs and the integrated arts advocate, submit an
1815 annual written report to the Education Interim Committee describing the program's impact on
1816 students in kindergarten through grade six.
- 1817 Section 41. Section **53A-17a-164** is amended to read:
- 1818 **53A-17a-164. Board local levy -- State guarantee.**
- 1819 (1) Subject to the other requirements of this section, for a calendar year beginning on

or after January 1, 2012, a local school board may levy a tax to fund the school district's general fund.

(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a tax rate imposed by a ~~[school district]~~ local school board pursuant to this section may not exceed .0018 per dollar of taxable value in any calendar year.

(b) A tax rate imposed by a ~~[school district]~~ local school board pursuant to this section may not exceed .0025 per dollar of taxable value in any calendar year if, during the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2011, the school district's combined tax rate for the following levies was greater than .0018 per dollar of taxable value:

(i) a recreation levy imposed under Section 11-2-7;

(ii) a transportation levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-127;

(iii) a board-authorized levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-134;

(iv) an impact aid levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-143;

(v) the portion of a 10% of basic levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-145 that is budgeted for purposes other than capital outlay or debt service;

(vi) a reading levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-151; and

(vii) a tort liability levy imposed under Section 63G-7-704.

(3) (a) In addition to the revenue a school district collects from the imposition of a levy pursuant to this section, the state shall contribute an amount sufficient to guarantee that each .0001 of the first .0004 per dollar of taxable value generates an amount equal to the state guarantee per weighted pupil unit described in Subsection 53A-17a-133(4).

(b) (i) The amount of state guarantee money to which a ~~[school district]~~ local school board would otherwise be entitled to under this Subsection (3) may not be reduced for the sole reason that the ~~[district's]~~ local school board's levy is reduced as a consequence of changes in the certified tax rate under Section 59-2-924 pursuant to changes in property valuation.

(ii) Subsection (3)(b)(i) applies for a period of five years following any changes in the certified tax rate.

(4) A ~~[school district]~~ local school board that imposes a board local levy in the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2012, is exempt from the public notice and hearing requirements of Section 59-2-919 if the ~~[school district]~~ local school board budgets an amount of ad valorem property tax revenue equal to or less than the sum of the following amounts:

1851 (a) the amount of revenue generated during the calendar year beginning on January 1,
1852 2011, from the sum of the following levies [~~of a school district~~] imposed by a local school
1853 board:

- 1854 (i) a recreation levy imposed under Section 11-2-7;
1855 (ii) a transportation levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-127;
1856 (iii) a board-authorized levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-134;
1857 (iv) an impact aid levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-143;
1858 (v) the portion of a 10% of basic levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-145 that is
1859 budgeted for purposes other than capital outlay or debt service;
1860 (vi) a reading levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-151; and
1861 (vii) a tort liability levy imposed under Section 63G-7-704; and
1862 (b) revenue from new growth as defined in Subsection 59-2-924(4)(c).

1863 Section 42. Section 53A-17a-165 is amended to read:

1864 **53A-17a-165. Enhancement for Accelerated Students Program.**

1865 (1) As used in this section, "eligible low-income student" means a student who:

- 1866 (a) takes an Advanced Placement test;
1867 (b) has applied for an Advanced Placement test fee reduction; and
1868 (c) qualifies for a free lunch or a lunch provided at reduced cost.

1869 (2) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for the
1870 Enhancement for Accelerated Students Program to [~~school districts and charter schools~~] local
1871 education boards according to a formula adopted by the State Board of Education, after
1872 consultation with [~~school districts and charter schools~~] local education boards.

1873 (3) A distribution formula adopted under Subsection (2) may include an allocation of
1874 money for:

- 1875 (a) Advanced Placement courses;
1876 (b) Advanced Placement test fees of eligible low-income students;
1877 (c) gifted and talented programs, including professional development for teachers of
1878 high ability students; and
1879 (d) International Baccalaureate programs.

1880 (4) The greater of 1.5% or \$100,000 of the appropriation for the Enhancement for
1881 Accelerated Students Program may be allowed for International Baccalaureate programs.

(5) A ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board shall use money distributed under this section to enhance the academic growth of students whose academic achievement is accelerated.

(6) (a) The State Board of Education shall develop performance criteria to measure the effectiveness of the Enhancement for Accelerated Students Program and make an annual report to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee on the effectiveness of the program.

(b) In the report required by Subsection (6)(a), the State Board of Education shall include data showing the use and impact of money allocated for Advanced Placement test fees of eligible low-income students.

Section 43. Section **53A-17a-166** is amended to read:

53A-17a-166. Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program.

(1) (a) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (1)(b), the State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program to ~~[school districts and charter schools]~~ local education boards according to a formula adopted by the State Board of Education, after consultation with ~~[school districts and charter schools]~~ local education boards.

(b) (i) The State Board of Education shall appropriate \$1,200,000 from the appropriation for Enhancement for At-Risk Students for a gang prevention and intervention program designed to help students at-risk for gang involvement stay in school.

(ii) Money for the gang prevention and intervention program shall be distributed to ~~[school districts and charter schools]~~ local education boards through a request for proposals process.

(2) In establishing a distribution formula under Subsection (1)(a), the State Board of Education shall use the following criteria:

(a) low performance on U-PASS tests;

(b) poverty;

(c) mobility; and

(d) limited English proficiency.

(3) A ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board shall use money distributed under this section to improve the academic achievement of students who are at risk of academic failure.

(4) The State Board of Education shall develop performance criteria to measure the effectiveness of the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program and make an annual report to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee on the effectiveness of the program.

Section 44. Section **53A-17a-167** is amended to read:

53A-17a-167. Early intervention program -- Enhanced kindergarten program -- Educational technology.

(1) The State Board of Education shall, as described in Subsection (4), distribute funds appropriated under this section for an enhanced kindergarten program described in Subsection (2), to ~~[school districts and charter schools]~~ local education boards that apply for the funds.

(2) A ~~[school district or charter school]~~ local education board shall use funds appropriated in this section for a school district or charter school to offer an early intervention program, delivered through an enhanced kindergarten program that:

(a) is an academic program focused on building age-appropriate literacy and numeracy skills;

(b) uses an evidence-based early intervention model;

(c) is targeted to at-risk students; and

(d) is delivered through additional hours or other means.

(3) A school district or charter school may not require a student to participate in an enhanced kindergarten program described in Subsection (2).

(4) The State Board of Education shall distribute funds appropriated under this section for an enhanced kindergarten program described in Subsection (2) as follows:

(a) (i) the total allocation for charter ~~[schools]~~ school governing boards shall be calculated by:

(A) dividing the number of charter school students by the total number of students in the public education system in the prior school year; and

(B) multiplying the resulting percentage by the total amount of available funds; and

(ii) the amount calculated under Subsection (4)(a) shall be distributed to charter school governing boards of charter schools with the greatest need for an enhanced kindergarten program, as determined by the State Board of Education in consultation with the State Charter School Board;

(b) each ~~[school district]~~ local school board shall receive the amount calculated by:

1944 (i) multiplying the value of the weighted pupil unit by 0.45; and
 1945 (ii) multiplying the result by 20; and
 1946 (c) the remaining funds, after the allocations described in Subsections (4)(a) and (4)(b)
 1947 are made, shall be distributed to applicant [~~school districts~~] local school boards by:
 1948 (i) determining the number of students eligible to receive free lunch in the prior school
 1949 year for each school district; and
 1950 (ii) prorating the remaining funds based on the number of students eligible to receive
 1951 free lunch in each school district.
 1952 (5) In addition to an enhanced kindergarten program described in Subsection (2), the
 1953 early intervention program includes a component to address early reading through the use of
 1954 early interactive reading software.
 1955 (6) (a) Subject to legislative appropriations, the State Board of Education shall select
 1956 and contract with one or more technology providers, through a request for proposals process, to
 1957 provide early interactive reading software for literacy instruction and assessments for students
 1958 in kindergarten through grade 3.
 1959 (b) By August 1 of each year, the State Board of Education shall distribute licenses for
 1960 early interactive reading software described in Subsection (6)(a) to the school districts and
 1961 charter schools of local education boards that apply for the licenses.
 1962 (c) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(c), a school district or charter school that
 1963 received a license described in Subsection (6)(b) during the prior year shall be given first
 1964 priority to receive an equivalent license during the current year.
 1965 (d) Licenses distributed to school districts and charter schools in addition to the
 1966 licenses described in Subsection (6)(c) shall be distributed through a competitive process.
 1967 (7) (a) As used in this Subsection (7), "dosage" means amount of instructional time.
 1968 (b) A public school that receives a license described in Subsection (6)(b) shall use the
 1969 license:
 1970 (i) for a student in kindergarten or grade 1:
 1971 (A) for intervention for the student if the student is reading below grade level; or
 1972 (B) for advancement beyond grade level for the student if the student is reading at or
 1973 above grade level;
 1974 (ii) for a student in grade 2 or 3, for intervention for the student if the student is reading

1975 below grade level; and

1976 (iii) in accordance with the technology provider's dosage recommendations.

1977 (c) A public school that does not use the early interactive reading software in
1978 accordance with the technology provider's dosage recommendations for two consecutive years
1979 may not continue to receive a license.

1980 (8) (a) On or before August 1 of each year, the State Board of Education shall select
1981 and contract with an independent evaluator, through a request for proposals process, to act as
1982 an independent contractor to evaluate early interactive reading software provided under this
1983 section.

1984 (b) The State Board of Education shall ensure that a contract with an independent
1985 evaluator requires the independent evaluator to:

1986 (i) evaluate a student's learning gains as a result of using early interactive reading
1987 software provided under Subsection (6);

1988 (ii) for the evaluation under Subsection (8)(b)(i), use an assessment that is not
1989 developed by a provider of early interactive reading software; and

1990 (iii) determine the extent to which a public school uses the early interactive reading
1991 software in accordance with a technology provider's dosage recommendations under
1992 Subsection (7).

1993 (c) The State Board of Education and the independent evaluator selected under
1994 Subsection (8)(a) shall report annually on the results of the evaluation to the Education Interim
1995 Committee and the governor.

1996 (d) The State Board of Education may use up to 4% of the appropriation provided
1997 under Subsection (6)(a) to contract with an independent evaluator selected under Subsection
1998 (8)(a).

1999 Section 45. Section **53A-17a-170** is amended to read:

2000 **53A-17a-170. Grants for field trips to the State Capitol.**

2001 (1) The State Board of Education may award grants to local education boards for
2002 school districts and charter schools to take students on field trips to the State Capitol.

2003 (2) Grant money may be used to pay for transportation expenses related to a field trip
2004 to the State Capitol.

2005 (3) The State Board of Education shall make rules:

2006 (a) establishing procedures for applying for and awarding grants; and
2007 (b) specifying how grant money shall be allocated among ~~[school districts and charter~~
2008 ~~schools]~~ local education boards.
2009 Section 46. Section ~~53A-17a-171~~ is amended to read:
2010 **53A-17a-171. Intergenerational Poverty Interventions Grant Program --**
2011 **Definitions -- Grant requirements -- Reporting requirements.**
2012 (1) As used in this section:
2013 (a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.
2014 (b) "Eligible student" means a student who is classified as a child affected by
2015 intergenerational poverty.
2016 (c) "Intergenerational poverty" has the same meaning as in Section 35A-9-102.
2017 (d) ~~["Local Education Agency" or "LEA"]~~ "Local School Entity" or "LSE" means a
2018 school district or charter school.
2019 (e) "Program" means the Intergenerational Poverty Interventions Grant Program
2020 created in Subsection (2).
2021 (2) The Intergenerational Poverty Interventions Grant Program is created to provide
2022 grants to ~~[eligible LEAs]~~ local education boards to fund additional educational opportunities at
2023 eligible LSEs, for eligible students, outside of the regular school day offerings.
2024 (3) Subject to future budget constraints, the board shall distribute to ~~[LEAs]~~ local
2025 education boards money appropriated for the program in accordance with this section.
2026 (4) The board shall:
2027 (a) solicit proposals from ~~[LEAs]~~ local education boards to receive money under the
2028 program; and
2029 (b) award grants to ~~[LEAs]~~ local education boards based on criteria described in
2030 Subsection (5).
2031 (5) In awarding a grant under Subsection (4), the board shall consider:
2032 (a) the percentage of an ~~[LEA's]~~ LSE's students that are classified as children affected
2033 by intergenerational poverty;
2034 (b) the level of administrative support and leadership at an eligible ~~[LEA]~~ LSE to
2035 effectively implement, monitor, and evaluate the program; and
2036 (c) an ~~[LEA's]~~ LSE's commitment and ability to work with the Department of

2037 Workforce Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and the
2038 juvenile courts to provide services to the ~~[LEA's]~~ LSE's eligible students.

2039 (6) To receive a grant under the program, ~~[an LEA]~~ a local education board shall
2040 submit a proposal to the board detailing:

2041 (a) the ~~[LEA's]~~ LSE's strategy to implement the program, including the ~~[LEA's]~~ LSE's
2042 strategy to improve the academic achievement of children affected by intergenerational
2043 poverty;

2044 (b) the ~~[LEA's]~~ LSE's strategy for coordinating with and engaging the Department of
2045 Workforce Services to provide services for the ~~[LEA's]~~ LSE's eligible students;

2046 (c) the number of students the ~~[LEA]~~ LSE plans to serve, categorized by age and
2047 intergenerational poverty status;

2048 (d) the number of students, eligible students, and schools the ~~[LEA]~~ LSE plans to fund
2049 with the grant money; and

2050 (e) the estimated cost per student.

2051 (7) (a) The board shall annually report to the Legislature's Education Interim
2052 Committee and the Utah Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission, created in Section
2053 [35A-9-301](#), by November 30 of each year:

2054 (i) the progress of ~~[LEA]~~ LSE programs using grant money;

2055 (ii) the progress of ~~[LEA]~~ LSE programs in improving the academic achievement of
2056 children affected by intergenerational poverty; and

2057 (iii) the ~~[LEA's]~~ LSE's coordination efforts with the Department of Workforce
2058 Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and the juvenile
2059 courts.

2060 (b) ~~[LEAs that receive]~~ A local education board that receives grant money pursuant to
2061 this section shall provide to the board information that is necessary for the board's report to the
2062 Legislature's Education Interim Committee and the Utah Intergenerational Welfare Reform
2063 Commission as required in Subsection (7)(a).

2064 Section 47. Section **53A-17a-172** is amended to read:

2065 **53A-17a-172. Use of minimum school program funds for dropout recovery**
2066 **services.**

2067 (1) As used in this section:

- 2068 (a) "Adequate monthly progress" means:
- 2069 (i) an amount of progress that is measurable on a monthly basis and that, if continued
- 2070 for a full school year, would result in the same amount of academic credit being awarded to an
- 2071 eligible student as would be awarded to a regularly enrolled full-time student during a school
- 2072 year; or
- 2073 (ii) completion of one-quarter credit of college and career readiness course work.
- 2074 (b) "Attainment goal" means:
- 2075 (i) for an eligible student up to 18 years of age:
- 2076 (A) earning a high school diploma;
- 2077 (B) earning a Utah High School Completion Diploma, as defined in State Board of
- 2078 Education rule; or
- 2079 (C) earning an industry-based certificate that is likely to result in job placement; or
- 2080 (ii) for an eligible student over 18 years of age, earning a high school diploma as
- 2081 required under Section [53A-12-101](#).
- 2082 (c) "Average daily membership" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 2083 [53A-17a-103](#).
- 2084 (d) "Cohort" means a group of students, defined by the year the group enters ninth
- 2085 grade.
- 2086 (e) "College and career readiness course work" means course work that prepares a
- 2087 student to succeed in a:
- 2088 (i) post-secondary environment, such as course work designed to teach time
- 2089 management skills and study skills; and
- 2090 (ii) work environment, such as:
- 2091 (A) career and technical education courses;
- 2092 (B) career exploration and planning courses;
- 2093 (C) course work designed to teach the soft skills that are necessary to succeed in a
- 2094 work environment; and
- 2095 (D) course work designed to prepare a student to pass an industry based certification
- 2096 exam.
- 2097 (f) "Eligible student" means a student:
- 2098 (i) who has withdrawn from a secondary school prior to earning a diploma with no

2099 legitimate reason for departure or absence from school;

2100 (ii) who has been dropped from average daily membership for having a certain number

2101 of unexcused absences as described in rules established by the State Board of Education; and

2102 (iii) (A) whose cohort has not yet graduated; or

2103 (B) whose cohort graduated in the previous school year.

2104 (g) (i) [~~"Local education agency" or "LEA"~~] "Local school entity" or "LSE" means a

2105 school district or charter school.

2106 (ii) [~~"Local education agency" or "LEA"~~] "Local school entity" or "LSE" does not

2107 include:

2108 (A) an alternative school as defined in Section 53A-1-1102; or

2109 (B) a statewide virtual school.

2110 (2) (a) [~~An LEA~~] A local education board shall provide a dropout recovery program for

2111 eligible students that includes the following dropout recovery services:

2112 (i) recruiting eligible students;

2113 (ii) working with an eligible student to identify and mitigate social barriers to regular

2114 school attendance;

2115 (iii) developing a learning plan, in consultation with the eligible student to:

2116 (A) identify an attainment goal; and

2117 (B) specify adequate monthly progress toward the attainment goal;

2118 (iv) monitoring an eligible student's progress against the eligible student's learning

2119 plan;

2120 (v) providing tiered interventions for an eligible student who is not making adequate

2121 monthly progress; and

2122 (vi) providing dropout recovery services to eligible students throughout the calendar

2123 year.

2124 (b) An [~~LEA~~] LSE shall allow an eligible student to enroll in a dropout recovery

2125 program under Subsection (2)(a) at any point during the calendar year.

2126 (3) An [~~LEA~~] LSE that does not meet the criteria described in Subsections (4)(a) and

2127 (b) may contract with a provider to provide one or more of the dropout recovery services

2128 described in Subsection (2)(a).

2129 (4) An [~~LEA~~] LSE shall contract with a provider to provide the dropout recovery

2130 services described in Subsection (2)(a) if:

2131 (a) the ~~[LEA]~~ LSE has a graduation rate that is lower than the statewide graduation
2132 rate, as annually calculated by the State Board of Education; and

2133 (b) (i) on average over the previous calendar year, at least 10% of the eligible students
2134 in the ~~[LEA]~~ LSE have not made adequate monthly progress toward an attainment goal; or

2135 (ii) the ~~[LEA's]~~ LSE's graduation rate, as calculated annually by the State Board of
2136 Education, has not increased by at least 1% as compared to the previous school year.

2137 (5) An ~~[LEA]~~ LSE described in Subsection (4) shall ensure that:

2138 (a) a provider that is contracted with under Subsection (4) has a demonstrated record of
2139 effectiveness engaging with and recovering eligible students; and

2140 (b) a contract with a provider requires the provider to:

2141 (i) provide the services described in Subsection (2)(a); and

2142 (ii) regularly report an eligible student's progress to the ~~[LEA]~~ LSE.

2143 (6) (a) Subject to Subsection (6)(b), an ~~[LEA]~~ LSE may count a student who was
2144 classified as an eligible student during a previous school year in average daily membership for
2145 the current school year if the eligible student is enrolled in a dropout recovery services program
2146 under Subsection (2)(a) during the current school year.

2147 (b) An ~~[LEA]~~ LSE may count a student in average daily membership under Subsection
2148 (6)(a):

2149 (i) for a month during which the student makes adequate monthly progress, calculated
2150 in accordance with rules established by the State Board of Education under Subsection (7)(a);
2151 and

2152 (ii) if a student re-enrolls in an ~~[LEA]~~ LSE or statewide course or program, in
2153 accordance with the pupil accounting provisions under Section [53A-17a-106](#) and State Board
2154 of Education rule.

2155 (7) The State Board of Education shall:

2156 (a) make rules specifying procedures for calculating average daily membership under
2157 Subsection (6)(b)(i); and

2158 (b) ensure that the amount accounted for under Subsection (6):

2159 (i) does not exceed one pupil in average daily membership per student;

2160 (ii) includes only the value of the kindergarten through grade 12 weighted pupil unit;

- 2161 and
- 2162 (iii) excludes add-on weighted pupil units.
- 2163 (8) [~~An LEA~~] A local education board shall annually submit a report to the State Board
- 2164 of Education on dropout recovery services provided under this section, including:
- 2165 (a) the number of eligible students:
- 2166 (i) in the [~~LEA~~] LSE;
- 2167 (ii) enrolled in a dropout recovery program under Subsection (2)(a);
- 2168 (iii) making adequate monthly progress toward an attainment goal; and
- 2169 (iv) counted in average daily membership under Subsections (6)(b)(i) and (ii); and
- 2170 (b) funding allocated to provide for a dropout recovery program as described in
- 2171 Subsection (2).
- 2172 (9) The State Board of Education shall:
- 2173 (a) review reports submitted under Subsection (8);
- 2174 (b) ensure that an [~~LEA~~] LSE described in Subsection (4) contracts with a provider to
- 2175 provide dropout recovery services in accordance with Subsections (4) and (5); and
- 2176 (c) annually report to the Education Interim Committee on the provisions of this
- 2177 section.
- 2178 Section 48. Section **63J-1-220** is amended to read:
- 2179 **63J-1-220. Reporting related to pass through money distributed by state**
- 2180 **agencies.**
- 2181 (1) As used in this section:
- 2182 (a) "Local government entity" means a county, municipality, school district, local
- 2183 district under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Local Districts, special
- 2184 service district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, or any other political
- 2185 subdivision of the state.
- 2186 (b) (i) "Pass through funding" means money appropriated by the Legislature to a state
- 2187 agency that is intended to be passed through the state agency to one or more:
- 2188 (A) local government entities;
- 2189 (B) private organizations, including not-for-profit organizations; or
- 2190 (C) persons in the form of a loan or grant.
- 2191 (ii) "Pass through funding" may be:

2192 (A) general funds, dedicated credits, or any combination of state funding sources; and

2193 (B) ongoing or one-time.

2194 (c) "Recipient entity" means a local government entity or private entity, including a
2195 nonprofit entity, that receives money by way of pass through funding from a state agency.

2196 (d) "State agency" means a department, commission, board, council, agency,
2197 institution, officer, corporation, fund, division, office, committee, authority, laboratory, library,
2198 unit, bureau, panel, or other administrative unit of the executive branch of the state.

2199 (e) (i) "State money" means money that is owned, held, or administered by a state
2200 agency and derived from state fees or tax revenues.

2201 (ii) "State money" does not include contributions or donations received by a state
2202 agency.

2203 (2) A state agency may not provide a recipient entity state money through pass through
2204 funding unless:

2205 (a) the state agency enters into a written agreement with the recipient entity; and

2206 (b) the written agreement described in Subsection (2)(a) requires the recipient entity to
2207 provide the state agency:

2208 (i) a written description and an itemized report at least annually detailing the
2209 expenditure of the state money, or the intended expenditure of any state money that has not
2210 been spent; and

2211 (ii) a final written itemized report when all the state money is spent.

2212 (3) A state agency shall provide to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget a
2213 copy of a written description or itemized report received by the state agency under Subsection
2214 (2).

2215 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), a state agency is not required to comply with this
2216 section to the extent that the pass through funding is issued:

2217 (a) under a competitive award process;

2218 (b) in accordance with a formula enacted in statute;

2219 (c) in accordance with a state program under parameters in statute or rule that guides
2220 the distribution of the pass through funding; or

2221 (d) under the authority of the minimum school program, as defined in Subsection

2222 53A-17a-103~~(4)~~(7)(e).

2223 Section 49. **Repealer.**
2224 This bill repeals:
2225 Section **53A-17a-116**, **Weighted pupil units for career and technical education**
2226 **set-aside programs.**
2227 Section **53A-17a-124**, **Quality Teaching Block Grant Program -- State**
2228 **contributions.**
2229 Section **53A-17a-163**, **Performance-based Compensation Pilot Program.**